Battle lines drawn for energy war in US

President Carter last night proposed heavy tax penalties on large cars and other vehicles that make inefficient use of petrol. He also asked Congress for standby authority to increase petrol taxes by as much as 50 cents (29p) a gallon as part of a far-reaching energy conserving pro-

Heavy taxes on big, inefficient cars

Washington, April 20.-President Carter tonight asked Conacrease petrol taxes in stages by as much as 50 cents (29p) a gallon eventually as part of a stringent programme to con-

serve energy.

He said he wanted power to raise the present tax of four cents a gallon by increments of five cents beginning on January production of weapons as well 15, 1979, if consumption ex-

ceded targets to be s.t.

The President, who has warned Americans to stop wasting fuel or face a national crtastrophe, also proposed a tax penalty soaring to \$2,488 (£1,460) by 1935 on large, in-efficient cars and light lorries. The President's programme,

resented personally to a joint ression of Congress, would return the increased petrol taxes as income tax rebates which would go mostly to low income families.

Other proposals included: increase the cost of domestically-produced oil to abour \$13.50 a barrel, the price now charged by the Organization of Petro-leum Exporting Countries

Raising the price of new domestic natural gas in interstate commerce.

state commerce.

Removal of a 10 per cent excise tax on intercity buses to encourage public transport.

Tax credits for Americans who insulate their homes. The credit proposed was 25 per cent of the first \$600 spent and 15 per cent of the next \$1,400. Tax credits for the installation of solar energy equipment as well as a programme costing up to \$100m over the next three years for its installation in Government buildings.

Mandatory standards for more efficient so that they use less energy.

The abolition of discounts

for large users of electricity torether with lower off-peak domestic rates under certain

Submission of the new programme to Congress opened what White House officials called the President's toughest olitical battle of his four-year

Already, advance reports of the programme have drawn criticism that the President's measures are too drastic and that his proposal for higher petrol races faces probable de-

reat in Congress.

The President, who recently stopped American production of nium es a fuel for nuclear nower reactors, announced that was reopening the order hooks for uranium enrichment services overseas.

He said he would propose legislation to guarantee the sale of enrichment services to any country which agreed to comply with American requirements aimed at banning the spread of nuclear fuel capable of use in

sing in the United States beas electricity.

The documents outlining the President's programme called inefficient cars "gas guzzlers" and proposed a graduated tax between 1978 and 1985 to penalize vehicles failing to meet approved petrol consumption standards.

A car travelling less than 12.5 miles per United States gallon in 1985 would cost a purchaser \$2,488 more than the manufacturer's price. (A United States gailon is fourfifths of an imperial gallon.)

But there would be excise tax rebates for cars exceeding Government standards. One travelling 30.5 miles on a gallon of petrol would carry a rebate of \$176 in 1985. The President's detailed pro-

gramme amplified his televised address last Monday when he told the American people they must make sacrifices to meet a crisis second only in serious ness to the effort to prevent

His overall goals were to cut the annual growth in energy consumption from 4.6 to 2 per cent and reduce petrol congallons a day, by 10 per cent.

Other objectives were to reduce oil imports from the current 8,000 million to 6,000 million barrels a day, and to increase coal production by two-thirds to 1,000 million tons a year.

The President called for vigorous enforcement of the mph speed limit imposed during the Arab oil embargo of 1973 as a means of saving petrol. He gave a warning that the Government might withhold highway construction funds from states which failed to enforce the limit.

He also urged industry and from oil and natural gas to coal and other more abundant fuels so as to reduce imports and make natural gas more widely available for household use.

The President's programme faced an uncertain future in Congress. Some critics claim he has over emphasized conservation at the expense of increased energy production and has given the American people too frightening a picture of the energy crisis.—Reuter.

Flaw in satellite launch

April 20.—The European scientific satellite Geos, launched here today, failed to reach its planned attitude because of problems in firing the last stage of the launch rocket, an American Thor-Deha.

the European Space Agency, Presse.

Cape Canaveral, Florida, reached an alritude of 7,500 miles rather than the planned 22,252 miles.

European hoped to manoeuvre the satellite into a better position with its on-board engine, to save the mission from total failure. The an Thor-Delta. cost of today's mission was The satellite, owned by about £39m.—Agence France-



Showdown threat as minister demands construction of power station

Electricity head defies order from Mr Benn

A power struggle has begun with a polite but firm exchange letters between a determined of letters between a determined Mr Wedgwood Benn, Secretary of State for Energy, and a defiant Sir Arthur Hawkins, chairman of the Central Electricity Generating Board, over a Cabinet decision to bring forward an order to build the £600m Drax B coal-fired power station.

station.

Sir Arthur has apparently refused a direct ministerial request to place contracts for the Yorkshire plant without any compensation to electricity con-

sumers, who will have to foot the extra bills consequent upon not aware of any argument premature construction of the Drax station.

Votation is not laurated that

Yesterday it was learned that Mr Benn had written to Sir Arthur to stare that he was in no doubt that the power station must be ordered at the earliest possible moment, and he would be grateful for immediate confirmation that the CEGB was ready without compensation, to

That stand, he writes, has considerable support to protect the consumer from shouldering the financial burden consequent on ordering any major power station ahead of need.

The stage now seems set for an intriguing battle of wills and a test of the Government's ability to require the CEGB to build the second stage of the Drax station, which is said to be needed to exploit the new Selby coalfield as well as help

problems have been reviewed for the Cabinet by the Central Sir Arthur and his board are under a statutory duty to develop and maintain an

develop and maintain an efficient, coordinated and economic system of bulk electricity supply in England and Wales. The CEGB has legal opinions to the effect that Mr Benn cannot direct the board to do anything contrary to that

It is the board's view that if



Continued on page 21, column 1 Sir Arthur Hawkins : defiant.

Wales may be excluded from main proposals for devolution

Political Staff

The Government is considering important initiatives aimed at fulfilling its promise to the Liberals, and to the Scots, that they shall have devolution. The most significant proposal, on which the Cabinet will decide shortly, is the removal of Wales from the original plans.

There is a wider implication, as well, in the strategy that is emerging. Were the present Bill to be scrapped and a new one to give Scotland an assembly introduced at the beginning of the next parliamentary session, continued Liberal cooperation would be needed to get the measure through.

That may mean some exten-sion of the controversial com-pact with the Liberals, which is due to expire in the autumn under the present treaty. Although ministers are co. r

ing round to the view that Wales cannot be included in immediate plans, there is bound to be opposition to it in the Cabinet. One of the arguments the Government has repeated time and again is that it promised devolution to Wales and that the promise must be kept. If Wales has to be dealt with in a second, and separate, Bill, the odds are greater that the measure will never become la... However, the Liberals would

like a separate Bill. So would Conservative devolutionists such as Mr Heath, who argued last week for such a course.

rebels who refused to support the guillotine motion the failure of which effectively destroyed the first devolution Bill are Welsh. MPs such as Mr Leo Abse (Fontypool), Mr Neil Kinnock (Bedwellty) and Mr Ioan Evans (Aberdare) might

have their teeth drawn.

A new Bill in November would have to be guillotined, and that would probably require a combination of Liberal, Con-servative and Labour backbench support. The Bill could then be rushed through on a tight timetable, on the ground that much
debate had taken place on the
earlier Bill. The promised
referendum might be held next
spring, instead of in the oted to the Cabinet.

Scots a share of oil revenues. That leaves only a limited form of income tax as a way to an accommodation with the Liberals, who insist on revenue powers for a Scottish assembly.

Were a decision to be reached parliamentary situation would improve strikingly. There are 11 Scottish nationalist MPs. They supported the original devolution guillorine because they want an assembly.

As soon as the guillotine

devolution receded, the SNP lost all interest in sustaining Government: it voted against it on the confidence motion which precipitated the Labour-Liberal part Some senior Ministers are

sceptical that Wales will dropped from the devolution plans. They point out that the Government has won one in and that the commitment is

Nevertheless, the Government has had to retreat on proporcional representation, and Mr Foot, Leader of the House, has

that of taxpowers for the as they wish, but in which assembly. Ministers are dis Wales will not be relegated to covering technical and legal second place. Instead, a method difficulties in assigning the could be found of proceeding with two Bills simultaneously. Trevor Fishlock writes from Cardiff: Almost everyone in the pro-devolution movement in Wales would be dismayed by a decision to leave Wales out of a new devolution Bill. Last night, Mr Dafydd Wil-

liams, secretary of Plaid Cymru, said: "The idea that Wales should be cut our would be an absolute betrayal by the Labour Party of the people of Wales, who have given them loyal support for so many years.

Scottish TUC rebuffs Only copy of militant miners Profumo

Labour Editor

Rothesay

Government hopes of negotiating a third year of pay restraint rose yesterday when the Scottish TUC voted by a narrow margin not to follow the mili-tant line of the miners.

By 1,017 votes to 967, a majority of 50, delegates rejected the miners' demand to oppose "any incomes policy baving as its aim wage regula-tion through interference from any sources in free collective bargaining ".

reterendum might be held next with the Liberals to be presentatumn, as originally envisaged. It is even possible that a compatible the main issues one promise will be reached with the Liberals by means of which the Government is locked the Liberals by means of which in talks with the Liberals is that of taxpowers for ithe assembly a produce an agreed package allies, the railwaymen, steel-workers, Post Office, engineer-ing and shop workers, electrical ing and shop workers, electrical ing and shop workers, and building workers railied to prevent the STUC from going on record against that of taxpowers for ithe assembly from going on record against the social contract. But the voting revealed a chasm in trade union opinion over what should come after the present pay curbs.

Ranged behind the miners were civil servants, public employees, local government officers, seamen, printing workers, train drivers and the Transport Workers and General Union, Mr Jack

After rejecting the miners' militant policy, the delegates emphasized their desire to keep the Government in office by rejecting several proposed phase three wage demands.

The conference rejected by

1,269 votes to 790 a train drivers' resolution demanding, from August 1, consolidation of the £6 and 4½ per cent pay rises into basic rates; restoration of differentials to the large that warm at hefore the levels they were at before the social contract was introduced; removal of anomalies created by the pay curbs; and "sub-stantial" increases.

Appealing for support for his resolution, Mr Michael McGahey, the miners' communist president, argued that there was a revulsion against

wage restraint.

Mr Alec Donnet, of the General and Municipal Workers'
Union, pleaded with delegates to adhere to the British
TUC policy agreed last year for an orderly return to free collective bargaining when

phase two expires at the end of July. Senior POC leaders will meet Mr Callaghan and senior mem-bers of his Cabiner tonight for working dinner at 10 Downing Street at which the social contract and the future of the incomes policy will be discussed.

The Government is expected to discuss, possibly today, with union leaders the shape of the social contract,

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Sword find brings boy £10,000 By Huon Mallalieu

An Augio-Saxon chieftain's aged 10, from Richmond, North Yorkshire, while looking for Tadpoles near the village of Gilling West, fetched £10,000 at Christie's yesterday.

It had been claimed by the trustees of the Gilling and Skelton estate, on whose property it was found. But Lord Bolton and his fellow trustees waived their claim at a treasure trove inquest last October.

The sword, which is decorated with silver and niello, was bought by the Yorkshire County Museum, York, which has had it on view since its discovery. The museum said it was de-lighted, despite the high price. Photograph, page 4

destroyed

By Peter Hennessy
Lord Denning, Master of the
Rolls, disclosed last night that
the single copy made of the
evidence presented to his inquiry on the Profumo affair in
1963 had been destroyed.

"It is only in my head, and
I am forcing myself to forget
it all now, he told the House
of Lords during a debate
The Profumo affair, which

The Profumo affair, which shook the Macmillan government, involved the private life of Mr John Profumo, Secretary of State for War, who resigned after admitting that he had lied to the House of Commons. The intimate relationship of many prominent people was involved, as well as national

security. There were all sorts of records there, most secret records", Lord Denning said. "All sorts of indiscretions revealed." The evidence to his inquiry had been given in confidence. He had assured witnesses it would not be dis-

closed.

"Afterwards, only one copy

"neonle would was kept. Lots of people would have liked to have read it. A year or two later, I was asked whether that one copy could be destroyed", he added. Lord Denning did not say who asked him, but he said he

felt the respondent had a good case and gave his approval. Lord Denning chairman of the Lord Chancellor's advisory council on public records, described how governments could prevent documents from reaching the Public Record
Office for public strution, If,
ministries did nor want, it will
close their papers the forge."
"overlook them, or mis
or even destroy them, a
record office can do no nome

about it." He supported Lord Tevio the sponsor of the debate and a fellow member of advisory council, in his call for all nationalized industries and fringe government bodies to brought within the scope of the public records Acts.

Lord Teviot called for the

foundation of a government archives service. Winding up the debate, Lord Elwyn-Jones, Lord Chaucellor, said the Profumo episode recounted by Lord Denning "must be regarded as an excep. tional event" He rejected requests for an

inquiry into public records on the ground that any findings would involve additional public spending.
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The cricket season officially started yesterday, but not a ball was bowled. Rain here at Lords and at Oxford stopped the only first class matches. Report, page 14.

Earnings show sharp drop in growth rate

Phase two of the Government's pay olicy is expected to keep the rise in wages from employment within the 8 o 9 per cent range. The Government's fficial index of earnings, published esterday, confirms the marked slow-lowe in the rate of earnings increases a 1976-77. But the success of the pay olicy could raise further problems for be current round of pay talks Page 21

Britain's case heard

iritish lawyers argued at Strasbourg o secure condemnation of the security o secure condemnation of the security orces in Ulster should not cover a price 223 allegations of ill-treatment atween 1971 and 1974. Their arguments before the European Court of iuman Rights will be backed up today by Mr Samuel Silkin, the Attorney Page 2

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Africans rebuff Owen Groucho Marx case Rhodesia initiative

The Patriotic Front, most militant of the Rhodesian African necionalist groups, has rebuffed proposals for a constitutional conference put forward by Dr David Owen, the Foreign Secretary, But Mr Vorster, the South African Prime Minister, told Parliament Prince has been been african Prince Minister, told Parliament African Prince Minister, told Parliament Prince Minis that he thought the British initiative "had a chance of success and should not be written off"

Immigrants charge

Civil servants have been accused of imposing tighter restrictions on immiminister of State at the Home Office.

He gave evidence to that effect to the Select Committee on Race Relations and Immigration

Gas concession ended Owners of some shops, offices and public houses could face 18 to 25 per

cent increases in their gas bills from the beginning of this mouth because of decision to abandon a special concessionary commercial heating tariff Home News

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Dr Morley Kert, who attends Groucho Marx, the 86-year-old comedian, has told a court Mr Marx needs the emotional stimulation given by Miss Erin Fleming, his companion, who has asked to be placed in charge of Mr Marx's estate

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Compulsory subjects

The Associated Examining Board has made detailed proposals to the Government for a common-core curriculum in schools. Easic instruction in English and mathematics would be compulsory for

Explosion: The supervisor at a chemical plant was "misled" over a substance that exploded, killing a man Israelis colebrate the twenty-ninth anniversary of indepen-dence watchful of Arabs and foreign

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Curfew imposed as 18 die in Karachi riots

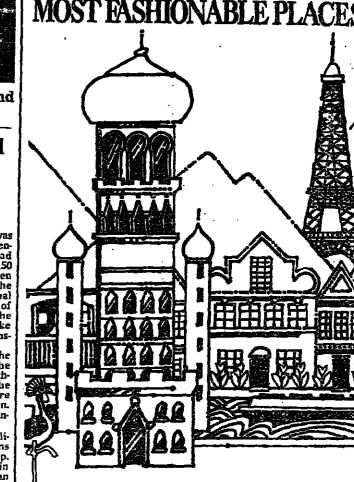
From Richard Wigg

Rawalpindi, April 20 A dusk-to-dawn curfew was impored in Karachi this evening after at least 18 people had nig after at least to people had been killed and more than 150 injured in clashes between demonstrators belonging to the Opposition Pakistan National Alliance (PNA) and those of the ruling People's Party. The city was paralysed by a strike which stopped all public transport and closed shops Karachi appeared to be the spearhead of attempts by the Opposition to bring the month old crisis to a head. The Opposition won nine seats there in the recent general election

which it claims was won un-fairly by Mr Bhutto's party. The Pakistan Labour Alliance, a group of trade unions formed under PNA leadership. which called today's strike in Karachi, tonight ordered an indefinite strike. Today's strike was intended to set the scene for Friday's national general strike.

Rawalpindi today had its largest Opposition demonstration to date, which ended with the burning of four shops owned by supporters of the People's Party. Outside Karachi the trains ran but the Opposition campaign that passengers should refuse to pay fares led to crowded trains.

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condemnation of the activities of the security forces in Ulster between 1971 and 1974.

The Government's defence was opened by two leading British lawyers who examined the I-rate who is a second policemen between 1971 and 1974.

Mr Brian Hutton Of the I-rate was opened by two leading British lawyers who examined the I-rate was presented by the I-rate who is a second policemen between 1971 and 1974. British lawyers who examined tered Irish arguments to the the Irish case in detail. Their 17 international judges that the arguments will be backed up later today by Mr Samuel Silkin, the Attorney General, who is expected to attack the Irish Cabinet's motives in pursuing the long-running case before the European Court of Human

Rights.

Much of the British submission was aimed at knocking down the attempts by Mr Declan Costello, the Irish Attorney General, to persuade the court to find against Britain on some important points that have been rejected by the European Commission on European Co Human Rights.

Behind the legal argument lies the fundamental belief of British ministers that the Irish are pressing the case largely for political reasons, and in doing so are generating pro-paganda valuable to the Provi-

That conviction has been hardened by the number of Soviet journalists and broad-casters covering the case. By Jast night eight Russian news-men had been accredited to report on the proceedings. Britain has made it clear that it is not contesting that the use

of sensory deprivation rechniques against 14 Republican in-

ternees breached the European Convention on Human Rights. The British Government But the British are determined yesterday hit back at attempts to prevent the limited condem-by the Republic of Ireland to secure wide-ranging European on that issue and on 11 other cases of brutality from nation on that issue and on 11 other cases of brutality from being expanded to cover a fur-

> extra cases constituted administrative practice for which the Government was responsible. He maintained that they were unconnected incidents against a background of concerted IRA terrorism.

Having told the court that 435 members of the security forces had been killed in Northern Ireland and a further 5,791 injured, Mr Hutton stated in a key section of his submission: "When there is such a terrorist campaign, it is unfortunately probably inevitable that on occasions a member or members of the security forces, acting under the influence of anger or stress, will ill-treat a suspected terrorist when the suspected terrorist when the suspect is arrested or is being transported to an Army post or a police station." If that happened, although regrettable, it did not follow that there was therefore an administrative practice of illtreatment for which the Government was responsible under the European conven-

This week's session of the court will provide the British with their last opportunity to defend the actions of soldiers, policemen and government officials against the serious allega-

For much of the day the British team was forced to defend findings in its favour already made by the European commission after secret hearings over a three-year period and involving evidence from 119 witnesses. The Irish Gov-ernment has tried to persuade the court to uphold those findings in its favour, and to overthrow all those in which the commissioners came down on

the British side.

On the question of internment after August 9, 1971, the British claimed that the use of extra-judicial procedures was justified by the serious security situation. That derogation from articles 5 and 6 of the conven-tion is permitted in certain specified circumstances, disputed in this instance by the Irish. Later, Mr Anthony Lester, QC, forecfully denied that the use of internment without trial had discriminated against Ukster's Roman Catholic mino-

rity in breach of article 14. Mr Lester maintained that in 1971 there was no comparison between sporadic acts of viol-ence by extreme "loyalists" and the concerted campaign by both wings of the IRA. Intern-ment had been initially restricted to republicans, be-cause at the time the IRA was regarded as the only significant source of terrorism in Northern Ireland.

The European commissioners will make their own submission to the judges today before the final submissions from both sides. A verdict from the court will follow later this year.

of hunger striker

condition was deteriorating.
For two days the men's relatives have been allowed visits, and yesterday Mrs Deirdre O'Connell saw her husband. At one point during the visit, Mr O'Connell had seemed confused by the amount of time he had left and in conversation tended to ramble, she said.

Mrs O'Connell added that earlier in the strike her husband had collapsed in the prison yard and "in his last week in the prison he told me

can movement could order the

hunger-strikers to stop.

The 14 men are being kept in the 14 men are being kept in the hospital wing of the mili-tary camp. They are being observed by Army doctors, but they have refused to be medically examined.

Car-bomb funeral: Car bombers

attacked the funeral of a Pro-visional IRA man in Belfast, yesterday, killing Mr Sean Campbell, of Park View Street, and seriously injuring six people, including several chil The attack happened near the

home in the Ardoyne district of Mr Terence McKibben, aged 19. who was shot by an army patrol on Sunday. He had refused to stop when carrying an air rifle.
The Belfast brigade of the
Provisional IRA said that the
bomb was the work of "elements working for the British Army". The intention, it said, was to stir a feud in republican areas by creating suspicion between different wings of the IRA, to whip up sectarian violence drawing the IRA from its



lution in newspapers is seriously affecting traditional demarca-Protest against social contract: Between two and three thousand workers from all over Britzin marched through tion lines. Talks between the unions and the West End of London in heavy rain yesterday to demand the Newspaper Society, which represents most provincial news-papers in England and Wales, an end to incomes policy. Later they lobbied MPs at Westminster. The march arose from a conference called by the British Leyland combined shop stewards' committee on national guidelines for news-papers seeking to introduce earlier this month and was supported by the Liaison computer-based technology, are Committee for the Defence of Trade Unions. In Glasgow some factories struck against pay restraint and more than A discussion paper has been five hundred shop stewards participated in a demonstration. submitted to the society.

The NUJ's official line, based on a decision by last year's con-

Larger butter subsidy sought by Britain

Britain is hoping to get a butter subsidy of 8p or 81p out of the EEC in return for a small devaluation of the socalled green pound, the EEC unit of account, when the meeting of farm ministers resumes in Luxembourg on April 25.

The United Kingdom prevented EEC agreement of farm prices at the beginning of this month, and made itself rather unpopular, by demanding a large butter subsidy, Eventually 7p a lb was offered, against the original demand of Mr Silkin, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, for 20p a

Ib.

The overriding anxiety of the Government is to soften the inexorable rise in food prices as the transition to EEC levels continues to be phased in. The present British negotiating position means that, by the end of the year butter mould continue to the present butter to the present to the present butter to the present to t of the year, butter would cost about 51p more, in total.

As things stand it is due to go up by 12p to 13p a lb by the end of this year. That, ministers reason, will enrage the public on two grounds.

First, the notorious sale of surplus butter from the EEC

"mountain" meant in effect that it was going at a subsidy of

While the other EEC countries do not care very much about EEC "mountains" as a result of encouraging domestic producers, ministers argue that Britain is in a special position because it imports so much food. The British public therefore rightly sees the situation as

Secondly, the British eat a lot of butter. The Government's figures show that, contrary to popular belief about its being a luxury, the old and poor ear 80z a week and the £10,000 a year man only 502.

As soon as the EEC ministers reach agreement on farm prices. butter goes up by 6p a lb, and then another 6p or 7p at the end of the year. A small devaluation of the green pound would add another ip a lb to that, but the immediate concern of British ministers is to offset the 6p as

migrat the price of the agreement that ought to have been reached on

ficials

ongful

The British ministers are still professing a determination to act firmly in the councils of the EEC, and not let British in terests suffer just for the pleasure of appearing good Europeans. But they are also

feeling the pressure that is put on them by the other EEC.

countries. "People think we can just use the veto"; one Westminster source said yesterday. "They do not realize the importance attached to collective agreement in Europe. It is like playing past the parcel. When the music stops, the one who is left hold, ing the parcel of disagreement

is disapproved of." Nevertheless Mr Silkin made a strong speech in the Grimsby by election campaign earlier this week. As well as taking a predictably strong line on fish, he said the EEC farm price package the British rejected would have meant major food price rises, and new levies and predictable are an experience of continuous and predictable are a continuous and penal taxes on cooking oil and even tomato ketchup.

The Tories were to blame, he said, for disguising the true price of the EEC from the electorate.

Our Agricultural Correspondent writes: Britain laid down three conditions yesterday for accepting a devaluation of the green pound. First, in the words of Mr Silkin, "it must pay for The minister said after

closed meeting of the Council of the National Farmers' Union: "I would say that de valuation was worth it if one got a benefit to the consumer that outweighed it and did not affect the producers' position."
Secondly, he said, the country
wanted a further beef premium.
That is the device with which
Britain holds beef prices above
EEC support levels and avoids

surplus production.

Thirdly, he wanted " to go a little farther along the road to retaining the Milk Marketing Board". The board is considered in Brussels to breach the Treaty

24-hour ban on flights to oil rigs

British Airways helicopter pilots at Aberdeen and Shet-land last night prepared to impose a 24-hour ban on flights to North Sea oil rigs in support of pilots at Bristow Helicopters who have been on strike for six days in protest at the dismissal of a colleague. Hopes for a settlement of the

strike worsened last night when the company accused the strikers of "taking the law into their own hands" and attempting to wreck Bristow flight operations at Aberdeen.
That response brought a

warning from Captain Andrew Spillane, chairman of British Airways Helicopter Pilots'
Association, that if the full

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Gia Helicopters based at

Sia Helicopters, based at Aberdeeh, and British Airways between them provide all helicopter services to the rigs.

The strike is over the dismissal of a pilot who refused missal of a pilot who refused to take up an appointment within the company in the Far morning".

fight with the East before his contract at Mr Ruari O'Bradaigh, president dent of Provisional Sinn Fein, can marches.

Lawyer prepares will

A solicitor was called to the Curragh military camp yesterday to write the will of David O'Connell, a former chief-of-staff of the Provisional IRA and one of 14 hunger-strikers protesting abour conditions in Portlaoise prison. His position grew ominous during the day.

Yesterday was the forty-fifth Yesterday was the forty-fifth day of the men's protest, and 14 of the original 20 protesters were still refusing food. The Irish Government said their

he went to sleep each night thinking he would not see the

fight with the Army and to drive people away from republi-

£20-a-week pit bonus plan By Tim Jones

Labour Reporter

The National Union of Minehave to justify their detailed schemes locally to the unions. The guidelines insist on a guarantee of no compulsory reworkers formulated proposals yesterday for productivity bonus payments. If accepted, it might restrain its members from driving a pit pony through any dundancies.

Elections to the NUI national executive have caused a move to the left. Mr Aidan White and Mr Roger Protz, both militants defeated in last year's elections, have been returned. Mr Iacob Ecclestore, a leftwinger, was elected by a large majority and Mr Ted Simpson, a leading moderate and long-standing executive member. was new pay policy agreed between the Government and the TUC. Mr Joseph Gormley, the union's president, has said that his members will reject any his members will reject any further wage restraint, bur a productivity deal might influence the artifude of the miners at their conference in July.

Under the proposals, which have to be discussed by the miner executive and negociated

with the National Coal Board, coalface workers might, appar-

tiated for each pit, represent-ing a level of production that can be achieved under normal A "basic task" would be set

at three-quarters of the nego-tiated standard task, and any production over that basic would qualify the men for bonus The proposals have angered

some left-wing members of the executive who argue that miners should receive a high basic salary with no productivity Union of Engineering Workers

served effective notice on the Government that it would reject a further year of the wage restraint policy. Motions sub-mitted to its annual conferentry, receive up to £20 a week restraint policy. Motions subin bonus payments.

The union side will be pressing for the establishment of a restraint policy. Motions submitted to its annual conference reveal a powerful swing ferentials and remove anomalies and low pay.

Even the traditionally moderate Midlands areas of the traditionally union, stung by the Leyland toolworkers' strike, have indi-cated that there can be few strings attrached to pay bargaining when the present policy ends in July.

Support, of a kind, for a further round of wage restraint came from the executive of the Association of Professional, Executive, Clerical and Com-puter Staff who propose that from August 1 there should be general 7 per cent pay increase with a minimum increase of £3.50 a week and no limit

on the maximum. In addition, companies should be allowed to use an

Forty children were taken to

The chemical was stolen from a chemical works at the weekend. The police have warned the public that the chemical could cause black rashes and eventually bone marrow dis-

Promise by Liberals to use power By Our Political Reporter

The Liberals had got power for the first time since they participated in Churchill's wartime government and they in-tended to use it. Mr Steel, the party leader, said on television last night.
"I cannot accept that the only time politicians should get together in the national in-

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terest is when the bombs are dropping overhead", he said in a party political broadcast.
"Our country is under attack now on the economic front. Many people seeing the

slide into the disaster of inflation have written to me, and I am sure to Mr Callaghan and Mrs Thatcher as well, saying I wish I could bang the heads of you politicians together."

People were tired of the endless slanging matches in-side and outside the Commons, he said. For a long time he

politics of confrontation and a start to the politics of cooperation. "A general election would solve nothing", he said He said he was certain that

Airways dispute to go on after talks break down By Our Labour Staff

Talks aimed at finding a formula to end the British Airways dispute disintegrated yesterday amid angry accusations from shop stewards leading the un-official action and demands by them for an independent public inquiry.

The dispute, over shift pay and negotiating rights, which has cost the airline more than £35m and disrupted many of its services, will continue.

Yesterday's talks were called to discuss whether shop stewards representing other engineering and maintenance workers at Heathrow airport, London, could agree on a joint claim for all 11,500 maintenance workers, including the 4,000 in dispute. But it became clear that the engineering workers want the whole of a shift pay formula worked out before the return to work. The other unions seem to have gone only half way towards that.

He said the engineering workers should return and join a salaries subcommittee to work out the rest of the formula for a joint claim to British Air-

ways.
It is understood that yester-It is understood that yester-day representatives of the engineering workers asked the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbi-tration Service (Acas) whether it could interpret the limits on pay imposed by the social con-tract. But they were told that Acas could not influence pay policy.
More services: More mainten-

More services: More maintenance engineers at regional airports are expected to resume
normal working today, British
Airways said. Services between
regional airports, and from
them to Europe and North
America, will be increased.
Engineering workers at Belfast, Edinburgh and Aberdeen
joined Manchester and Liverpool yesterday in returning to

pool yesterday in returning to normal duties. The resumption only half way towards that.

Mr George Guy, chairman of the engineering and maintenance negotiating panel, said:

"We have gone about as far as we can go."

In the resumpton of a two-hourly service between London and Edinburgh will be followed today by reintroduction of a two-hourly service between London and Belfast, the airline said.

who stole £2m

row aitport by posing as a security guard will be sentenced today at the Central Criminal

ciosy and another man told staff at the British Airways Influenza blamed

aged 26, and Sacheverell Houghton, aged 36, both of Twyford, Berkshire, and Roishan Bunyan, aged 27, of

Mr Henry Pownall, for the

currencies belonging to the Trade Development Bank. Catherine Kenna Rhiando,

Acton, west London, who were found guilty of handling and receiving some of the money,

Better training in mental care is urged for GPs

By Our Health Services
Correspondent
There is nothing healthy about the mental health services in the United Kingdom and any searching consideration of their quality and prospects evokes concern bordering on despair. That is stated by Mind, the campaigning arm of the National Association for Mental Health, in its evidence to the Royal Commission on the National Health Service.

Mental illness is the most widespread and growing health trouble. That has been revides in the mad and the sad: people who needed professional care and treatment and those who needed specialliness.

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Post with race

Dr Alan Little, who was to have been one of the three directors of the new Commission for Racial Equality, has refused the job. He disagrees with its terms of reference and the way the commission is to

the way the commission is to be organized. He said yesterday: "The work of persuading, advising and assisting public services to meet the needs of multi-racial communities is heing put at rick."

The Community Relations Commission branch of the Asso-

accepting the job. He rejected criticisms of the way the body was being organized, and gave an assurance that there was to be no bias in appointments.

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being put at risk."

The Government is finding it difficult to recruit sufficient qualified candidates for the scientific and technical

scientific and technical branches of the Civil Service in spite of recession in the private sector.

Specialist fields particularly

affected include building and quantity surveying, electrical and petro-chemical engineer-ing, medicine and veterinary research.

The annual report of the Civil

Service Commission, published yesterday, offers no detailed explanation for the

phenomenon. But it notes that

science graduates tend to

"shop around" a large number of potential employers before making their career choice.

The longstanding difficulty in

recruiting government lawyers

is continuing. Last year only 58 of 82 vacancies for the ranks

advertisements was good, "but

the quality continues to be dis-

appointing ".

Forty children with 'black rash'

hospitals in Nottingham when a "black rash" affected the Hyson Green area after boys who smeared a playground slide with a printing chemical containing hydrochloric acid.

had argued for an end to the

the agreement reached with Labour had a fair chance to benefit Britain.

The Liberals were now able to stop the Labour Govern-

ment pursuing any more poli-cies harmful to the country.

Commons 'voice | Sentence today but no vote' plan for man for Europe MPs

British MPs elected to the European Parliament should have the right to sit and speak in the Westminster Parliament but not to vote, Mr Heath suggested yesterday at the start of the Commons two-day debate on direct elections to the European Assembly. That, he said, would be the

Such MPs would attend Westminster only on European Parliamentary report, page 5

best way of ensuring that they knew the views of the British

Parliament

for deaths The A-strain influenza virus, revalent throughout the country, has caused the deaths of up to 30 elderly patients at St Michael's Hospital, Aylsham, Norfolk, during the past three

The same virus is believed to have caused 16 deaths recently at an old people's home at Whitley Bay, Tyne and

ciation of Scientific Technical and Managerial Staffs is hold-ing an emergency meeting to-day. Two senior staff have not been offered jobs at the same level of those they now hold, Mr Surendra Kumar, who is responsible for keeping in touch with community organizations, and Mr Aaron Haynes, principal development officer A man who stole £2m in foreign currency from Heathdevelopment officer. Mr David Lane, chairman-designate of the Commission for Racial Equality, last night regretted that Dr Little was not

Stephen Franciosy, aged 31, a salesman, of Barnes, was found guilty of a theft which Mr James Miskin, QC, the Recorder of London, called "probably the biggest in the UK for a long time".

prosecution, said that Mr Franstrongrooms that they had come for a consignment of francs, United States dollars and other

are also to be sentenced today. Michael Darbinson, aged 29, a driver, also of Twyford, was acquitted of dishonestly receiving some of the currency and

By Our Health Services Correspondent

standing executive member, was defeated.

left-wing support, lost his seat but in a poll among delegates was elected vice-president yes-terday and received a standing ovation.

Mr Denis MacShane, who has

Qualified recruits lacking for parts of Civil Service medical officers, of which 55 were taken up. It proved especi-ally difficult to find candidates with a "sound background" in community medicine. Likewise,

the persisent shortage of veter-inary officers caused concern, with 41 of 64 posts remaining empty. On the administrative side of the Civil Service, the lack of suitable applicants for Depart-ment of Employment cadetships was acute. Of 603 candidates for

20 vacancies, only 22 reached an acceptable standard. The report sounds a disquietadministration trainers admitted last year, the key entry grade for the men and women most likely to rise to the high-est posts in Whitehall. All 190 vacancies were filled, applications were up by 42 per cent compared with 1975, but fewer candidates achieved the highest marks in the competition com-

of legal assistant and senior legal assistant were filled. The report says that response to years. In 1976 about 60 per cent of the externally recruited candidates entering the administra-There were 75 opportunities There were 75 opportunities tion trainee grade were edu-last year for medical and senior cated at Oxford or Cambridge.

pared with the pattern of recent

Kidnap children are to stay in Britain

From Our Correspondent Judge McLellan, at Win-chester Crown Court yesterday accused a British father who kidnapped his three children in California and brought them back to England of telling

blatant lies.

He ruled, however, that the children should not be returned to their stepfather in the United States after hearing evidence ren during custody proceedings in California. that he smoked cannabis.

heard that his first wife

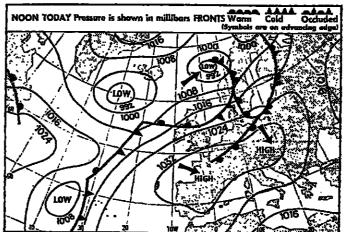
Jennifer, aged 29, had died in described Mr O'Bar as material-istic and philistine to a marked After their divorce in 1973 degree.

The judge said of the smoking of cannabis: "I am compelled to and do regard this she married Mr Tim O'Bar, a Californian accountant. By mutual consent she took with her the three children by her marriage to Mr Cox. practice as constituting such a moral danger to these children When he heard of his wife's death, Mr Cox, a Jehovah's Witness, flew to the United that their future ought to be considered by the English court. As the children get States and kidnapped his childolder they may acquire an

drugs."
Mr O'Bar said afterwards In February last Mr Stephen Refusing to make an order Mr O'Bar said afterwards Cox, aged 29, an upholsterer, of for the children to be returned that he intended to continue Midambury Lane, Southampton, to the United States for custody the fight to have the children proceedings, Judge McLellan returned to the United States.

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Weather forecast and recordings



Today Sun rises : 5.53 am Sun sets : Moon rises: Moon sets: 7.34 am 11.12 pm First quarter: April 26. Lighting up: 8.37 pm to 5.21 am.

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High water: London Bridge, 4.22 am. 7.1m (23.3ft): 4.39 pm, 7.1m (23.2ft). Avonmouth, 9.54 am. 12.8m (42.0ft): 9.56 pm. 12.7m (41.8ft). Dover, 1.24 am. 6.5m (21.3ft): 1.38 pm, 6.4m (21.1ft). Hull, 8.37 am, 7.0m (22.9ft): 8.51 pm, 6.9m (22.5ft). Liverpool, 1.35 am, 8.9m (29.1ft): 1.50 pm, 8.3m (28.8ft).

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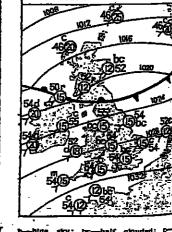
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WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY : c, cloud ; d, drizzle ;





Channel Islands, S Wales, SW England: Mostly cloudy, drizzle and hill and coastal fog at times; wind SW, moderate or fresh; max temp 12°C (54°F).

N Wales, Lake District, Isle of Man, central N, NE, NW England, Borders, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll, N Ireland: Cloudy, hill fog patches, occasional rain or drizzle; wind SW, fresh or strong; max temp 12°C (54°F).

Edithurgh, Dundee, Central Highlands, NW Scotland: Dry and bright at first; cloudy with rain and hill fog later; wind SW, fresh or strong; max temp 11°C (52°F).

Aberdeen, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney: Dry and bright, becoming cloudy later; wind SW, fresh or strong; max temp 10°C (50°F).

Shetland: Sunny intervals, a few showers, more cloudy later; wind SW, strong to gale: now reme of the strong in the strong is sea moderate or rough.

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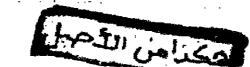
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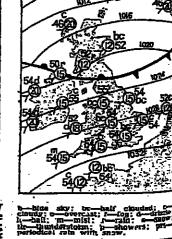
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Officials accused of wrongfully tightening immigration controls set of the last of the

Home Attacts Correspondent
Evidence that civil servants
have decided on their own initiative to exercise stricter control over admission of Asian
dependants to Britain, without
any new instructions from
ministers, has been given by
Mr Alexander Lyon, Labour
MP for York, to members of a
cabinet committee

"The idea that the officials are merely responsive to ministerial directions is nonsense", he says. The figures on which he says. The figures on which Mr Lyon's statement is based are represented in the accompanying graph.

Today the Select Committee on Race Relations and Immi-

Control of the second of the s gration will have the oppor-tunity of questioning Mr Lyon when he gives evidence to it. Seven members of the commitwhen he gives
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spoke to British officials there. spoke to be serviced to the subspread racketeering in the subcaninem, involving dependants. That reason for stricter Ministe.

Mr Lyon, when Ministe.

State at the Home Office, tried to speed up entry procedures for those emitted to come to Britain, a statutory commitment in the Immigration Act

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ment in the 1971. The object was the 1971. The When Mr Lyon visited Dacca in 1975 as Minister of State, officials there granted admissions of the control of t Cevice with a ceci price; and a sion to 23 per cent of the wives and children under 18 whom they dealt with. Mr

to about half before his dis-missal from the Home Office. and has now dropped to about

22 per cent.

He says it is absurd that at he says it is absurd that at Dacca in the last quarter of 1976 only 481 applications were granted out of 2.168 handled. "By no stretch of the imagination can it be alleged that 75 per cent of the cases were bogus."

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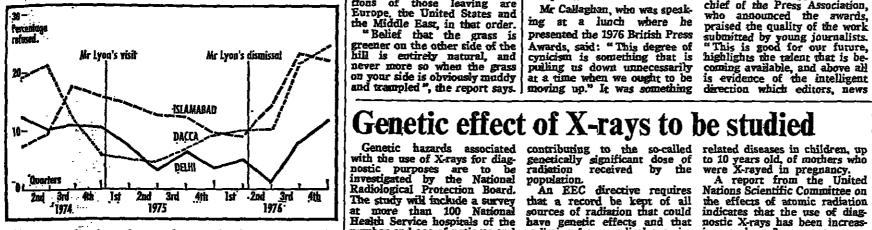
Another way of looking at the rightening of control is to examine the rate at which wives and children are refused as a percentage of those dealt with. "In Islamabad the refused that the dropped from about 17 with. In Islamabad the refusal rate dropped from about 17 per cent at the time of my visit to about 9 per cent at the time of my dismissal. It has now jumped to 23 per cent. No new instructions have been given to the posts since I left. in the posts since I left."

Immigration control is also being tightened by means of amendments to immigration rules which were laid before Parliament on March 22 and are now beginning to take effect. The amendments, designed to present the force. effect. The amendments, designed to prevent men from being accepted for settlement in the United Kingdom through marriages of convenience, were made after allegations of abuse, and coincide with a hardening of political anitudes.

The Stechford by-election campaign showed that immagnation remains an issue that can be exploited.

Twenty leading immigrant organizations are jointly asking the Home Secretary to meet a deputation about the change in the rules and are supporting motions tabled by Mr Lyon in the Commons and Lord Avebury in the Lords to annul the

amendments.
They are also seeking supwhom they dealt with. Mr port from candidates in the Lyon says the proportion rose local elections.



Rejected applications for settlement in Britain, made by immigrants' wives and children in Dacca, Delhi and Islamabad, expressed as a proportion of those dealt with, as shown in a Runnymede Trust bulletin.

Lower living standards causes drain of talent

Many talented and experi-enced people leave Britain because of the quality of life here, a report by Overseas recruitment Services Ltd. a subsidiary of Alfred Marks Bureau, the employment agency, states. It says that higher salaries abroad, the British tax system and falling living standards are the three main reasons why people leave.

people leave.

A survey was made of 991 applicants for overseas jobs in engineering, secretarial work, the medical and nursing professions, the hotel trade and cataring. Of those in the 31 to 50 age group, identified as the best qualified and most experienced 68 cited higher salaries as their reason for leaving; 59 gave Britain's tax system; and 51 blamed cuts in living standards.

living standards.

The report says: "These are the people in the prime of life who have a lot to offer and whom the country can ill afford to do without. The three main reasons why these people are going combine to form a most serious indicament of life in the United Kingdom for the talented and experienced."

The United Kingdom taxation system makes it impossible for

system makes it impossible for merit to be adequately rewarded, the report says.
Disillusionment with the
alleged lack of opportunity to develop a career in Britain is particularly strong at middle management level or the equivalent in the professions. Money was not the only reason given for seeking work abroad. Four out of five in the

under-21 age group gave wanderlust as their motive. That, the report says, is more prevalent among women than men. Only 35 men owned to it, against 68 women.

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The most favoured destinations of those leaving are Europe, the United States and the Middle East, in that order.

Belief that the grass is greener on the other side of the hill is entirely natural, and never more so when the grass on your side is obviously middly Belief that the grass is greener on the other side of the hill is entirely natural, and never more so when the grass on your side is obviously muddy and trampled, the report says.

Presented the 1976 British Press submitted by young journalists. Awards, said: "This degree of "This is good for our future, cynicism is something that is pulling us down unnecessarily at a time when we ought to be and trampled," the report says.

number and age of patients and

the type of examination per-



Mr Callaghan and News Reporter of the Year, Geraldine Norman, of "The Times".

Callaghan concern over press cynics

The Prime Minister said yesterday that he was worried about the cynicism that seemed to have corroded British life and

Mr Callaghan, who was speaking at a lunch where he presented the 1976 British Press

radiation from medical examination and treatment be kept to

Genetic effect of X-rays to be studied

formed, starting in June. a minimum. Since 1958 the use
The purpose is to review the Earlier research has detected active pharmaceutic importance of medical X-rays in an increase in genetically increased four times.

Robin Day, but I escaped from that fate", he said.
Mr David Chipp, editor-inchief of the Press Association, who announced the awards, praised the quality of the work

ing at about 3 per cent a year during the past few years. Since 1958 the use of radioactive pharmaceuticals has

"that is not totally justified at all".

But he added that newspapers were a mirror of society. He would do nothing to "bring pressure to bear on the press of this country".

Mr Callaghan disclosed that he had been offered a job as a BBC newsreader 25 years ago.

"I might have been another Robin Day, but I escaped from that fate", he said.

Mr David Chipp, editor-inchief of the Press Association.

Geoffrey Parkhouse (Glasgow Herald) and Alan Whitsitt (Belfast Newsletter) were joint provincial ionrnalists of the year, and journansis of the year, and Douglas Thain, Alan Hurndall and Graham Hind (The Star, Sheffield) were campaigning journalists of the year. A special award was given to Stephen Fay and Hugo Young of The Sunday Times.

Army doctors in rabies check

Two Army doctors in London are having a course of injections against rabies after treating a Gurkha soldier who died of the disease in Hongkong's British military hospital. The doctors were not in isolation and were carrying on normally, the Army and the Department of Health said yes-

Mr Laker is In brief hopeful of Skytrain for July

By Arthur Reed
Air Correspondent
Skytrain "walk-on" flights
between London and New York
at a single fare of £59 could
begin by July now that the
United States Department of
Transportation has approved
the project, Mr F. A. Laker,
chairman of Laker Airways,
said in London yesterday.
He described the department's He described the department's

approved, which was granted on Tuesday, as "a major hurdle". He was confident that the two remaining steps had already been cleared by the American State Department and the White Hered White House.

"We can start the service 30 "We can start the service 30 days after we get the permission tied up, and assuming that the permission will be issued before June 22, we are taking about July." At a single fare of £59, Skytrain would produce a return on investment of 11.45 per cent.

Mr Laker said he was delighted to have won the latest round in his six-year battle with the British and United States governments to mount no-reservation, walk-on flights to New York.

But although the Department of Transportation appears to have cleared the way for Sky-train, Mr Laker's service could yet become bogged down in negotiations between the two governments on a new Bermuda air services agreement for the north Arlantic routes, which Britain wants worked out by

Britain has indicated that it wants Skytrain to be considered separately, but there is no guarantee that the Americans will accept that. If Laker flies alongside British Airways, the American case, that their two main airlines should continue to operate, will be stronger.

The British Government embraced the cause of Skytrain earlier this year after the Court of Appeal ruled that Mr Shore the former Secretary of State for Trade, had exceeded his authority in stopping the service.

Clothing of dead girl changed

Janir Shepherd, f'.e Austra-lian heiress, died as a result of compression of the neck, prob-ably from an arm lock, Detective Chief Superintendent Ronald Harvey, head of Hertfordshire CID, said yesterday.

The woman, aged 24, whose body was found in a shallow grave at Nomansland Common, Wheathampstead, on Monday, had also undergone a partial clothing change at the hands of her murderer.

Dracula and Whitby

Members of the Dracula Society will next week visit Whitby, North Yorkshire, which features in Bram Stoker's classic of horror. Mr Donald Waterman, the resort's director of tourism, said yesterday: "Look what Shakespeare has done for Stratford. We want to see what Dracula can do for Whitby."

Miner dies in accident Mr Jan Dolezy, aged 56, a coalface worker, died yesterday in a shorfiring accident at Wolstanton colliery, Stafford-shire. Another worker was taken to hospital

Eleven years for rape Percy Robinson, aged 45, a labourer, of Rosemary Gardens, Gateshead, Tyne and Wear, was jailed as Newcastle upon Tyne Crown Court yesterday for 11 years for raping a girl of 15

Jubilee special

British Rail will attempt a jubilee year record-breaking run by its new high-speed train from Bristol to London on May 7 at an average speed of 100 mph.

Coppins for sale

Coppins, near Iver, Bucking-hamshire, once the home of the Duke of Kent, is for sale again, at £500,000 with about 13 acres

of gardens.

Jubilee letter form A pictorial air mail letter form, illustrated with a photo-graph of the Queen, will be issued on May 11 as a silver jubilee memento.

Rail ticket forgers tackled

Rail in an attempt to cut the ticket holders have been issued estimated £6m lost each year with the new tickets.

through fraudulent use.

British Rail remained deliberately vague yesterday about the new coding but explained that tickets in different colours that tickets in different colours will not know the colour and coding of his next ticket, it will forms." that rickets in different colours for successive periods will make it more difficult for pas-sengers to trick inspectors.

By a Staff Reporter

Colour-coded season tickets duced without warning. In are being introduced by British

The new colours will be introduced without warning. In Scotland some annual season

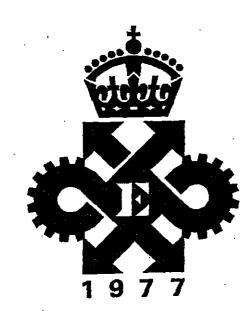
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The local elections, 4: Challenge of Plaid Cymru and Conservatives

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declining stock must be attri-

buted to recent corruption cases

There will be protest-voting

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and disclosures in the courts.

Labour's disadvantage in the

late 1960s; but there will also

be a more permanent shifting

to the Conservatives and to Plaid Cymru. Elections in recent

years have underlined the

gathering strength of Plaid

Cymru, its development as a

force at local level, its attrac-

tion as an alternative, and its

At first eight the statistics make Plaid Cymru look a

pygmy, and the Conservatives

not much bigger. The nationalist

share of the 578 seats is 22, and

the Conservatives have 75. But

there is in therural counties a

tradition of people standing as

independents, and, in Gwynedd,

for example, many of these are

nationalists. Overall, Plaid Cymru is field-

ing 236 candidates, three times

able to expect a trebling of its

Plaid Cymru and the Conser-

vatives have been changing the

the number it put up three years ago, and thinks it reason-

appeal to younger people.

Exams board offers outlines of basic common curriculum

The first detailed proposals to the Government for a common-core curriculum in schools in England and Wales were outlined yesterday by the Associated Examining Board, the largest of the eight national examining boards. The board also recommends a new "certificate of general education" at 16-plus based on the commoncore subjects.

At the top of the board's prosory, irrespective of the degree of skill and knowledge that the individual child may be able to

In addition, the board proposes that at least one subject should be studied in each of the following four groups: 1, a science, geography or a modern language; 2, history, civics, social science, or religous studies; 3, literature, music, art, crafts, drama or practical subjects; and 4, some form of physical education, which would

but only to illustrate the areas of study which, the board believes, would offer a minimum knowledge of the environment, of culture and of general literacy; some understanding of social or moral issues; some ate and la aesthetic or creative experi-officials.

The board defines its view what a common core curriculum should be as common core of subjects related to general educational needs, providing the basic knowledge and skills for life in contem-porary society and a choice from a range of subjects pro-viding knowledge and skills

beyond the basic essentials". During the past 30 years secondary education had expan-

a common-core curriculum already existed, but there was a need to ensure the coverage of essentials in all schools by means of increased coordination and "some for mof practical effective guidance, while and providing ample opportunity for initiative and innovation" by teachers.

The board does not explicitly give its views on the critical question of the extent to which a common-core curriculum should be imposed on schools. But it hints at a degre of com-The subjects mentioned in each group are not intended as exclusive lists the board says, subjects "could be accom-plished quickly, clearly and effectively" by means of a Department of Education and Science report to be followed by guidance from the inspector-ate and local education authority

Man denies murder of three girls Trevor Joseph Hardy, aged

Il. murdered three teenage girls, "the details of which hake the blood run cold", Mr Patrick Russell, QC, for the prosecution, said at Manchester

Crown Court yesterday.

He told the jury: "By any standards some of the features of this case are gruesome in the extreme and you may experience feelings of revulsion. Mr Hardy, of no settled address, denied murdering esley Stewart, aged 15, of

Vinterdyne Street, Harpurhey, Vanda Skala, aged 18, of St 'uke's Walk, Moston, and Staron Mossoph, aged 17, of ooks Drive, Failsworth, all Manchester, between December, 1974, and March last year. He also pleaded not guilty to indecently assaulting Christian Campbell during an incident in

u Manchester public house. He was alleged to have grabbed her throat, squeezing so tightly that she bit through her tongue. Mr Russell said that in February, 1972, Mr Hardy was jailed

for five years for wounding a man called Stanley O'Brien. He became obsessed with the idea that Mr O'Brien had framed

While in prison Mr Hardy cided to hunt Mr O'Brien and Old people's home fire decided to hunt Mr O'Brien and a girl, Beverley Driver, aged 15, who had ended their association. In November, 1974, when free, he learnt that Mr O'Brien had

On New Year's Eve Mr Hardy, armed with a knife, searched for Beverley Driver, then aged 18, and saw a girl getting out of a car, counsel added. He had told the fire at Wensley Lodge old people's home, Hessle near Hull, on January 5, opened yesterday under the chairman-ship of Mr Andrew Gibb. Verdicts of misadventure on the 11 one. Chief Superintendent Coornel. the police he hit the girl in the face and kicked her. "She started shouting and I lashed out with the knife and it entered the side of her neck", he was alleged to have said-He was said to have dragged the girl's body to a claypit, where he dismembered it. The girl was not Beverley Driver, but Lesley Stewart, counsel said. Counsel said Miss Skala was killed as she walked home from a public house and Miss Mossoph was murdered by Mr Hardy when she disturbed him trying to break into a mill.

Education aid tor overseas

The Open University is to spend £250,000 during the next three years on expanding its programme overseas educational help.
Mrs Hart, Minister for Over-

seas Development, whose ministry is granting £200,000, said most aid would go to poorer developing countries, for whom distance teaching was often the only way to make limited educational expertise widely

£4,000 for former probation officer Mr Roy Secker, a former

Winsor Hopkins, aged 18, of Croeserw, West Glamorgan, pleaded guilty by post to trespassing on the railway. In the letter his solicitor apologized on his behalf. senior probation officer, whose personality was affected by a fall downstairs, was awarded \$4,000 agreed damages in the High Court yesterday. He fell at the probation office in Reigate, Surrey.

Hopkins £25 with £15 costs and told the driver: "We must con-Mr Secker, aged 53, of Ruden Way, Epsom Downs, sued Surrey County Council, who gratulate you for stopping the train. He might have committed

ence; and some physical

Cardiff

established.

Not only the political sands

will shift in the county elections

in Wales on May 5. In the

southern valleys in particular

the coincidence of new forces

and changing moods will alter

the political bedrock too. The

rumble will be felt for years as

Labour's hegemony is chal-

lenged and a new order is

The Welsh Labour Party is

bracing itself for a hammering.

On the one hand is its manifest

strength and hard-core loyalty,

its powerful machinery, its decades of being the natural

party of power in many parts

of Wales, its ownership of half

the 578 county seats in the

eight counties, its large majority holding in the south.

On the other hand are the

opponents and influences that

It is not only a matter of there being a Labour govern-

ment and disenchantment with it. Labour is fielding fewer candidates while its main chal-

lengers, Plaid Cymru and the Conservatives, are making their most determined assault, and

will damage that might.

posed list of common-core sub- ded to include a much wider jects are English and mather range of subjects and to cater matics, a basic instruction in for a much wider range of both of which would be compulability, the board says in its ability, the board says in its comments to the Government. In most schools and colleges

Mr Prentice to address Tory group

By Our Political Reporter Mr Reg Prentice, who re-signed from the Cabinet over the Government's policies, is to speak at thi opening of a new branch of the Tory Reform

in Basingstoke next month. He said last night that his decision to give the group support did not indicate he was moving into the Conservative Part. His aim wyas to meet and speak to like-minded politicians who believed in the need for

ment in British politics. Meanhile, Mr William Sherman, a trustee of the group, came out in support of Mr Ronald Wotherspoon, ho has resigned as prospective Conservativt parliamentary candidate for Dagenham, after he had run into trouble ith the local party for saying he ould vote for Mr Prentice if he stood as an independent in Neham, North East.

Mr Wotherspoon, who is national political officer of the group, was not the only Conservative who supported Mr Prentice he said. tice, he said,

men how he found six people trapped in a room full of smoke. floor.

victims were recorded at an

that he saw heavy smoke com-

stopped his train only yards

from a young man he saw on

the track, was praised at Marlborough Street Magi-strates Court, London, yester-

day. As the train approached the platform at Sloane Square Underground station, he saw

the man, applied the emergency brake and put the motor into

reverse, bringing the train to a halt just 25 feet away from the man, Mr L. Hughes-Thomas,

for the prosecution, said. The man had told him: "I was on

the wrong platform. I wanted to go to Paddington."

Mr Peter Mason fined Mr

inquiry told of rescues

A policeman told an inquiry help, and reached a bedroom

into a fire that killed 11 elderly where he saw a man in a wheel-men how he found six people chair and five others on the

ringuest on February 22.

The inquiry by Humberside County Council, in Beverley, was told by Mr Donald Hawksworth, a police superintendent, Densley said the fire service had expressed concern over people sleeping on upper floors and the absence of automatic smoke detectors. Because of an analysis of the form the same country of the form the same country of the sam

ingdown a staircase to the steps were taken to implement second floor, heard cries for fire brigade recommendations.

Supervisor 'misled' over chemical

have greatly increased the num-ber of their candidates. vatives have been changing the local government political tex-ture in recent years. In last

An explosion killed a man and caused damage of £1.25m after a chemical plant supervisor was given "misleading information", a press conference was told vesterday.

From Our Correspondent

The conference, in Norwich, was to launch a report by the Health and Safety Executive of the Factory Inspectorate on the explosion at the Dow Chemical Company plant in King's Lynn, Norfolk. The explosion, last June, hap-

pened when a poultry food additive called Zoalene was left in drying vessel for 27 hours. It decomposed, heated and exploded with a force equivalent to between 200 and 300 lb of The report said the supervisor was given misleading

information about the properties of Zoalene. The chemical had not been given new tests because previous trials had not

£600 theft fines

Mrs Nurhatat Minareci, aged 39, and her daughter, Mrs Ayse Kurtel, aged 25, were each fined £300 with £25 costs at Marlborough Street Magistrates' Court, London, yesterday for

He got the men to the window

Chief Superintendent George

apparent misunderstanding. no

steps were taken to implement

and an escape ladder was

shown it to be particularly

Mr Peter Yeomans, East Anglia director of the Health and Safety Executive, told the of the plant was being undertaken by experts in toxicity,

fied that the screening of chemicals coming into industry is good enough." He cricicized the company for allowing Zoalene

breach of the best chemical practice. "The period of time was a crucial factor in the ex-

Graduates get work 🖰

147 in 1973, expect to win South Glamorgan, which is very English, and where they have 36 of the 80 seats. They hope to take control in Clwyd and, if the pendulum swings enough, they expect to become the largest single group in Gwent, where Labour has 59 of the 78 seats. The cockent of this election will be mid-Glamorgan. That county is the bulk of the old Glamorgan county council and the heart of Labour's Welsh empire. Of the 85 seats Labour has 60, Plaid Cymru 12, the Tories three. The political climate there is notoriously Siberian for the Conservatives, but they are fighting 43 of the seats compared with 10 last time, and expect to make unich progress. With Plaid Cymru fighting 83, many Labour candidates will find themselves in a pincer find themselves in a pincer,

Tory winning of a seat in the

equivalent of breaking into the

The Conservatives, fielding

253. candidates, compared with

Welsh Labour braces itself for a hammering year's town han e-chieved, with the Ratepayers, results. Plaid some seats.
The nationalists are putting

remarkable results. Plaid Cymru's winning of Merthyr Tydfil was astonishing and the much of their effort into mid-Glamorgan, telling electors that a vote for Plaid Cymru can lead to genuine change.

They are not shrinking from the language question, some-times sensitive in that part of Wales. They are emphasizing the benefits of bilingual educa-

However, most Plaid Cymru members in that part of Weles are not Welsh-speaking. It will be interesting to see

how Plaid Cymru fares in the 11 Merthyr area seats in mid-Glamorgan Labour was sorely stung by the loss of Merthyr council lest May, and since then the relationship betwen the two parties in Merthyr has been marked by puerile squabbling. Plaid Cymru's view is that "the electors are not fools and know what is going on ".
Of course, Labour expects to

keep a large majority in mid-Glamorgan. But the signs are that local policies is becoming livelier in that county, that opposition groups will grow in strength, and that in future the cut-and-thrust of debate will be more cutting and thrusting.

Next: Manchester

conference that a full appraisal explosions and fire. Until they reported he could

not allay fears about safety at the plant. "I cannot say that people are living on a time bomb, but I cannot say they are He added: "We are not satis-

to remain in the drying vessel for more than 24 hours but said no prosecution was iustified. Dr Norman Scilly, an explo-sives inspector, said leaving the chemical in the dryer was a

Nearly 98 per cent of Oxford University's 1976 graduates have founds jobs and careers, and trends are equally encour aging this year, the university's appointments committee said in its annual report yesterday.



it at Christie's yesterday. He

out the rest in the bank. Policeman forged statements

intends to buy a bicycle and

on road accident From Our Correspondent

Reading

Police Constable Philip Flisher, aged 23, who was said to have forged witnesses' state-ments concerning a road accident because he was too busy to interview witnesses properly was given a conditional dis-charge for two years at Reading Crown Court yesterday.

Pc Flisher pleaded guilty to three charges of forging state-ments with intent to deceive. He has been suspended since December 7 last and will have to face a Thames Valley Police disciplinary board.

Suicide thoughts as economy falls

More people think of suicide as the economy gets worse, and 200 children a week are calling The Samaritans help organization, it was stated yesterday. Miss Jean Burt, joint general secretary of the organization, said they needed 6,000 more

Broadcasting from Parliament should begin in the autumn, a joint parliamentary committee recommended yesierday "in view of the widespread feeling casts even if they were directors or officers of an in both Houses that this should begin as soon as possible". Whether such a date is feaindependent programme company. Under the Independent sible is questionable because of Broadcasting Act, 1973, the independent network excludes

> proceedings of parliamentary committees, an important part of the work of the two Houses, should be freely available for broadcasting and that most committee rooms should be

suitably equipped.

It rejected a proposition that an individual committee should be able to decide whether only particular sessions should be broadcast. "If a committee wishes to exclude strangers from its meetings", the report said, "it may resolve to do so, broadcast.

access to select committees". Although the BBC and IBA had said they would undertake that parliamentary recordings would not be used in light entertainment programmes "or in programmes designed as political satire or in records or cassettes designed for entertainment , the committee recom-mended that both Houses should stipulate that material should not be used for these purposes,

Archive tapes of the proceedings should be made under the direction of officers of both Houses "if to do so is technically feasible and cost-

Lord Cathcart, Lady Phillips, Lord Aberdare, Lord Winstan-ley and Lord Lloyd of Hamp-

Mortgage famine must the challe be avoided in wish for lower interest rate

The Government were to monitor progress made by the building societies in tending on older properties and would pursue any evidence of "red living", Mr Peter Shore, Secretary of State for the Environment (Tower Hamlets, Stepney and Poplar, Lab) said during ouestions.

Mr Jeffrey Rooker (Birmingham Perry Barr, Lab) had earlier asked if Mr Shore had any plans to meet the Council of the Boilding Societies Association.

Mr Shore—My department is an continuing contact with the Building Societies Association and I hope to see the chairman shortly. hope to see the chairman shortly. Mr Rooker—He should request the Council of the Building Societies Association to explain better to the savers in building societies and those people with mortgages, why they need to accumulate such large surpluses which seem to the ordinary chizen to be spent more and more on strings of offices in various High Streets.

There seems no good resem for

There seems no good reason for this and this money could be channelled into extra mortgages, Mr Shore—There has been long-standing criticism of the numbers of building societies.

of building societies.

On the broader question of surpluses of building societies, there is a belance to be struck. We, and the building societies, have been auxious in these past few months to avoid the kind of famine that occurred in 1973-74.

In order to avoid a famine in terms of lending money for mortgages, it is necessary for the building societies to have some kind of rushion of reserves otherwise.

custion of reserves otherwise, frankly, their ability to lend will be seriously impaired and subject to the wide variations of the kind in

Mr Robert McCrindle (Brentwood

Mr Robert McCrindle (Brentwood and Ongar, C)—In recent days, the Government have been bringing disproportionate political pressure on the building societies to reduce their interest rates.

If the Government were to desirt from stampeding against the building societies until the inflow of funds becomes clear, it is likely that the rate of lending to mortgages would settle down and prevent the ups and downs of recent years. Mr Shore-That is a strange com-

ment. I am not sware of political pressures. I am aware of the fact that we have continuing contact with the building societies. As I understand it, the purport of Mr McCrindle's remarks would be to say the recent reduction in mortgage rates is either too prema-ture or too much. I would not necessarily share that view at all.

Obviously, we are all in favour of continuing low mortgage rates. Generally, that is shared throughout the country, but we do not want to pay the price of violent swings in the availability of most save lending and a famine devaluation. gage lending and a famine develop-ing of the kind I described earlier Mr Frank Allaum (Salford East Lab)—Building societies are relac tant to grant mortgages on the older and cheaper type of prop-erty. In Safford, six of the ma-leading building societies insist on houses having front and back

reluctance of building societies in certain areas to lend in respect of older properties, and of "red in-ing". In the somewhat new rela-tionships with the building socieries I intend to take this matter my with them, not just in the general sense, but to monitor progress made, and to take into account all evidence of "red lining" so I can take this matter up with the build.

ing societies.

Mr Ioan Evans (Aberdare, Lab)—
Building societies should bring the
borrowing rate down. It is disturbing that the minimum lending rate
has been brought down by 8 percent but the rate of borrowing has cent out me rate or borrowing nas-come down only 1 per cent. The Government are right to ask the societies to look at the mort-gage rate again to bring it down

gage rate again to bring it down further.

Mr Shore—I am sure the further lowering of mortgage rates is the wish of the country. But I also believe that it is the wish of the building societies to adjust their rates just as soon as they canconsistent with the other major problem which I mentioned.

Mr Arthur Jones (Daventry, C), for the Opposition—Will he recognize that the level of interest rates essentially depends on Government essentially depends on Government policy? What criteria would he use when he talks of the rapid rise and fall in interest rates over the

and fall in interest rates over the last 12 months?

Does he know the cost that falls on the building societies when they change their rate? What criteris would he use in giving advice in the societies?

Mr Shore—Inevitably this is a manter of judgment with reference in two things in particular—the view one takes about the structure of competitive interest rates in the period shead—and that in the bar

period ahead—and that in the last year has been a little difficult to judge—and the actual degree of inflow of money coming to the hulding societies

building societies.

We all have a considerable interest in seeing that sufficient money does come to the societies so that they can leid on the scate and with the consistency that the building industry requires.

National survey of vacant dwellings

Mr Reginald Freeson, Minister for Housing and Construction, said he was commissioning a national sam-ple survey of vacant dwellings. Mr Geoffrey Dodsworth (Hertford-shire, South-West, C) had asked for an inquiry to determine the extent to which rested housing owned by Government depart-ments, nationalized industries, public authorities and local auth-orities was empty and likely to remain so for more than a matter of weeks.

Gary Fridd, aged 10, finder of an Anglo-Saxon chieftain's sword, with Mr Michael Clegg, curator of the Yorkshire County Museum, York, which paid £10,000 for

Mr Dodsworth-In view of the

wir bonsworth—in view or the scarcity of resources available, it would be desirable to offer un-occupied property, under some degree of public ownership, to first-time house buyers on advanta-Mr Freeson-I would not accept

that as a general proposition I wish to see local authorities and housing associations who are involved in properties purchased on vower in properties purchased on the market under their acquisition programmes looking to improve their programmes of moderniza-tion and make improvements more rapidly and economically so that dwellings might be more quickly occupied. We know that in that general

context there might be circum-stances where dwellings can be made available to first-time buyers or other buyers down market. I would wish to encourage local authorities along these lines. Some authorities along these lines. Some are so acting now.

Mr Robin Corbett (Hemel Hempstead, Lab)—Will the sample include houses bought by his department in participation with the building of motorways which are then cancelled? Will be instruct his department that they should not automatically so in and are the content and the same are the content and the same are the

not automatically go in and vandalize these properties but simply make them safe in case of a change of mind later?

Mr Freeson—The sample will cover all kinds of property—Government-owned, local authority-owned and privately-owned. It is not the policy of my department or not the policy of my department or the transport department to vandalize properties bought alread of proposed road schemes. It is policy to make such properties, where demolition is deferred, available to local authorities and others for occupation as quickly as possible. I examine complaints.

mer lets will not be shown up.

Mr Freeson—I cannot undertake to do that. Nor is the point relevant to empty properties. Properties which are second homes are occupied or available for occupation by owners or tenants they wish to let them to.

Change coming in law on supervision orders

Miss Joan Lester (Eton and Slough, Lab) asked the Home Secretary whether the Government had completed their consultations on recommendation 23 of the ele-venth report from the Expenditure Committee on the Children and Young Persons Act, 1969, concern-ing conditions and sanctions relat-ing to supervision orders.

Mr Merlyn Rees said in a written reply: The Secretary of State for Social Services, the Secretary of State for Wales, the Secretary of State for Education and Science and I have consulted the various bodies involved in the making and administration of supervision orders. In consequence I propose to but down amendments at the to put down mendments at the next appropriate stage of the Criminal Law Bill which would modify the existing law on the lines sungested in the report.

It should be open to a court when making a property and the court when making a court when making a court when making a court when making a court was a court was a court when making a court was a court

when making a supervision order when making a supervision order in criminal proceedings in respect of a child or young person to require him (1) to be of good behaviour; or (2) to comply during the whole or any part of the supervision period with such requirement as the court, having regard to the circumstances of the case, considers necessary for preparing a siders necessary for preventing a repetition by him of the same offence or the commission of other

would not affect the condutance in force of the supervision order to the Government further property in the interests of greater flexibility, to remove (subject mean overall limit of 90 days) the existing restrictions on the marille cristing restrictions on the marille immum period in any one year for which residential treatment may be ordered by way of intermediates of treatment under section 12 (2) of the 1969 Act.

The court would retain the treatment of the power to lay down the maximum of the power to lay down the maximum of the period (of 90 days or less) for he which the supervisor could give such directions.

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Council finance report out in next few weeks

Mr Peter Shore, Secretary of State for the Environment, said he hoped to report the Government's conclusions on the Layfield Committee report on local government finance to the House within the next few weeks.

There would then be ample time for the House of discuss what was for the House to discuss what was

proposed.

He added that in spire of the harshness with which rates bore on people, something like a third of ratepayers, including many retired people, were in receipt of rate rebates.

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All houses built before 1940 which are the super the bad not been rewired must be super the s

Smith (Rochdale, L) said.

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Court praises Less money for training of Underground farm workers train driver Mr James Aldridge, an Underground train driver, who

By Our Agricultural Correspondent

Spending cuts exceeding £450,000 in the training of farm workers were announced yester-day. They arose from the refusal of ministers to accept a claim from the Agricultural Training Board for £5.3m this year, including an increment for inflation.

Mr Richard Swan, chief training adviser, said: "This will be a test of what value the industry places on training without the carrots that it has had in the past".

The board said it faced "insufficient government financial support resulting from its controls on public expenditure". Sir George Huckle, the chairman, said in London that the board's claim had been based on planned growth and ex-pected inflation. Its grant last year had been 54.1m and the Government had given it 54.6m for 1977.

Payments to employers for sandwich-course students will be cut from an average of £70 to £30 next month and stopped

Twelve operas offered for £8.40 The Welsh National Opera

yesterday launched a ticket subscription scheme offering discounts of between 10 per cent and 30 per cent to boost attendances during its next season starting in September.

Mr Brian McMaster, the opera's administrator, said:

"There will be subscriptions

available for all pockets: eight operas for as little as £6.40, or 12 for £8.40, for example."

Wife accused of killing 'truculent' husband With money provided by his A telephone call was received wealthy father, a young country squire enjoyed the high life, a thirteenth-century country to go to Hawerby Hall. They found Mr Pulling lying badly wounded on the bed. He died

mansion, fast cars, raceborses and he also had affairs with women, a jury was told at Lincoln Crown Court yesterday. It ended for Authory Pulling when he was shot dead by his wife with a 12-bore shotgun, it

was added. Before the court was Mrs Valerie Pulling, aged 35, mother of five children, who denied murdering her husband, aged 36, on October 23 last year at Hawerby Hall, in the Lincoln-shire Wolds at North Thoresby. Mr Desmond Fennell, QC, for

the prosecution, said that how-ever much sympathy the jury might feel for Mrs Pulling, there could be no answer at least to a lesser charge of manslaughter. Counsel said witnesses would

say that Mr Pulling, who had been out drinking with friends, mood when he returned home and continued drinking. Later, he struck his wife in the face because one of his friends, a solicitor, had kissed her hand as he left. Mr Fennell said Mr Pulling

lay on his bed and went to sleep. His wife, anxious not to

wake him, lay down on the floor next to the bed. Accord-

ing to her he grabbed her hair, but she escaped.

the capital cost of equipment and the running cost of r...

It pointed out that the BEC's

capital costs for parliamentary

equipment were estimated in August to be £400,000; rouning

costs were £275,000 a year. As reported in The Times at the

weekend, £100,000 has been

By Kenneth Gosling

He even spent a night with her here. They were both drunk and they slept on the settee. Mandy was sick on the carpet and I had to clean it up." She was referring to Miss Mandy Boothman, daughter of the man who trained Mr Pulling's race-Mrs Pulling said in a state-ment to the police that she knew before marriage that her husband had a violent temper

Mrs Pulling was alleged to have told the police: "He moved as if he was going to get up and I just pulled the trigger. I just felt I could not

Asked why the trouble had come to a head that night and "was it the girl friends or was it the violence?", she replied:
"Mandy rings him every day.

minutes later

take any more."

least once a fortnight and she wore dark glasses to hide her bruises. Recently he had started to hit their eldest daughter,

but her parents did not object

to the marriage because she was

Asked if it was her intention to shoot her husband, she said:
"No, I was not sure what I was doing. I thought if I had the gun he would not attack me." The trial continues today.

Parliament may be on air in autumn may, however, be double that broadcasting media from public Legislation should be introduced, the committee said, to enable members of both Houses to take part in broad-

the time needed to convert accommodation for the broad-casters. The Joint Committee on parliamentary speeches by such members, although the Sound Broadcasting reiterated BBC can broadcast them. the need for such accommoda-The committee said that the tion to be sought urgently.

The committee said that if Parliament provided permanent accommodation, the broadcasting organizations should meet

allocated to convert part of the but the joint committee can old Scotland Yard building for see no justification for the broadcasting. The final cost selective exclusion of the

effective".

The joint committee comprised Sir Paul Bryan, Mr Robert Cooke, Mr Ben Ford, Mr William Price and Mrs Ann Taylor from the Commons; and

stead from the Lords.
Second Report from the Joint
Committee on Sound Broadcasting
(House of Commons Paper 284;
Stationery Office, £1.85).

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Mr David Penbaligon (Truro, L)—
The survey should take place in
mid-winter because otherwise the
scandal of second homes and sum-

No requirement involving the copoperation of a third party should
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Commitment to direct elections: Dr Owen sees Profumo little chance of federal states of Europe

pr David Owen, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs (Plymouth, Sution, Lab), opening the delaste on direct elections to the European Parliament, said he did not believe this Parliament would block the democratic objective which all the member states accepted for themselves in the EEC Treaty which was now close to realization.

The Government were not

close to realization.

The Government were not amounting decisions at this stage. They would want to listen to and note all the arguments made in the debate. In the light of those the Government would immediately consider the issues raised in the White Paper on direct elections.

The Cabinet's conclusions on an electoral system and the related electoral system and the related issues would be brought forward by the Government as proposals to the House.

The principle of a directly-elected Parliament was incor-porated in the Treaty of Rome 20 porated in the Treaty of Rome 20 years ago as a necessary eventual part of the Community. The goal of direct elections was clear. Participation in an eventual electoral system was one of the goals which the commy assumed when they joined the Community.

Here as in other member countries (he said) participation is only possible on a basis agreed by our own Partiament. When the Government, bosouring their treaty obligations, come to introduce the Bill will be for Partiament to decide. it will be for Parliament to decide.

The target which had been set, he recalled, was to hold the first elections in May or in June next

velopment of the conclitation pro-cedure was also an important example of the welcome and grow-ing dialogue herween the Parlia-ment and the Council.

Many of the desirable reforms (he said) in the working of the Assembly have come about because of the work of MPs from both sides of this House, but I would like to single out the work of Sir Peter Kirk. Peter Kirk.
All MPs will join in paying tribute to his work as a convinced and effective European. We all extend our sympathy to his family in their tragic loss.

While member states had been willing as paying an extending of

willing to permit an extension of the Parliament's powers in certain areas, by the standards of a demo-cratically elected Parliament its powers were very limited indeed.

Development of the Assembly would depend on the future shape and organization of Europe. In the last analysis a clear vision of the Assembly's future presupposed a clear vision of the Community. Community.

He was not sure any of them had such a clear vision. That the founding fathers had such a vision there could be no doubt. They believed that a federal structure should one day emerce from the Community. that a federal structure should one day emerge from the Community. If they compared the history of Western Europe with the history of the United States they could appreciate just how far they would have to go even if they wanted a federal Europe. The United States developed a federal system on a society that was relatively homogeneous, both culturally and socially.

gear. The Government's political commitment was to use their best endeavours to avoid a situation in which delays in the United Kingdom put the target date out of reach of the whole Community.

Perhaps the most important role that the European Parliament had now was in the budgetary sphere where to some extent it shared responsibility with the Council for the Community budget. The de-

I realize there are many different views on this issue. If you were to analyse what lies behind a lot of the amotion and a lot of the amotion the European Parliament it is the issue of federalism. I think it is worth discussing. It was never worth discussing. It was never really fully discussed at the time of the emotion and a lot or the anxiety about the whole question of the European Parliament it is the issue of federalism. It think it is worth discussing. It was never really fully discussed at the time of going into the European Community. (Cheers.)

He was well aware of the fact that in 10 years events might con-found any analysis of his. lound any analysis of his.

In my view (he wenr on) it is time we all recognized how unreal the debate about federalism has become. The plain fact is that this House with the national parliaments of the member states will define the future shape or the Community. Without the agreement of this House there can be no major change in the structure of the Community.

The development of the development of the

The development of the Community over the past decade had seen the balance between the Commission and Council shift decisively in favour of the Council. sively in favour of the Council.

The European Parliament would be elected with the powers they had at present. The members would demand more powers, but how far national government and parliaments agreed to these demands would be for them alone to decide. The European Assembly could not seize powers. It could only take those given it by the member countries with the approval of their national parliaments.

ments.

A directly-elected Assembly would, or should, reflect public opinion in the nine member states on the role of the Community and the powers of its institutions. Matters of the bind would be a legit ters of that kind would be a legit-imate issue in elections to the Par-lament. People would stake out their claims in such elections. If there was a federal sentiment in the member states it would be reflected in the members sent to the Parliament and the views they expressed there.

It followed that if there was no federal sentiment in the United sive and democratic Europe.

inquiry

liament.
They had to ensure that nembers elected in this commy should be genuinely representative. It would be damaging to British democracy, to the standing of the members and the protection of British tish interests in the Community if is increased in the Community is the elections produced unrepresentative members after a low and unrepresentative poll.

The question of the enlargement of the Community would be a severe test not only for the European Parliament but all the Community's institutions, individually and collectively.

Some member sintes would query enlargement without institutional reform and argue for majority voting. This had been firmly resisted by Britain and France in the past without some safeguard of their national interests such as the Luxembourg compromise.

This would continue to be the Government's position, although the elections produced unrepres

This would continue to be the Government's position, although they were prepared to rally to the majority unless important national interests were at stake.

Enlargement was bound, at least initially, to work against federalism. The fear that the European Assembly would become tomorrow a deliberative assembly of one nation, which was what the fear of federalism amounted to, was a fear

federalism amounted to, was a fear which had no foundations Our commitment (he went on) to building a united Europe and a strong and prosperous Community, which I strongly hold, is a committed to the strong and prosperous community which I strongly hold, is a committee to the strong and the ment to participate constructively and positively in a long-term his-torical process. A directly-elected European Parliament will be an

Free vote for Tories on electoral method

Mr John Davies, chief Opposi-tion spokesman on foreign and Commonwealth affairs (Koutsford, C) said they should not be debat-ing the Essue of principle today. The Prime Minister himself had said that the principle was beyond

Their purpose must be to deal more with the specifics of the white Paper. These concerned largely the electoral method and largety the electrowal memora and the versations question of the dual mandate. But there was no means today of reaching conclusive deci-sions on the options presented in the White Paper. This was some-

He hoped there would be a the hopen there would be a chance, perhaps between the dehate on the document and the presentation of a Bill for second reading, when decisions could be taken on the issues rehearsed in

the document.

If MPs knew nothing of the firm proposals, as opposed to the options, until they came to the framework of the Bill, they might be drawn axio a cul-de-sac. It would be pluming the depths of absurdity to have a Bill becoming an Act without an electoral system increases and it for instance. incorporated in it, for instance. There had been, until recently, bis concerning the wish of one of two other countries to carry drough the necessary legislative processes to ensure direct elections. These had been dissi-

own mind the position there. There as no doubt that both the Gaulists and Communists would not seek to obstruct the enactment DECESSARY to proceed to direct elec-

All the evidence led to the con-clusion that it would virtually prove impossible to discharge the dual mandate. The parliamentary demands of Westminster were much heavier than those of any equivalent parliament in the Community at the moment.

Added to that was the fact that there seemed inevitably to be a growing weight of work in the European Parliament making a combination of the two virtually unthinkable in the generality. Undoubtedly the death of Sir Peter Kirk, whom they all knew as a stout colleague and great friend, owed something to the extra-ordinary burden put on members in discharging the dual duties involved.

He accepted that there might be exceptional cases where for speci-fic reasons there would be a need for a person to fulfil the dual mandate. They should work towards making it not impossible to have a dual mandate but at least to have a dual mandate but at least unlikely that people would do so. It should not be excluded but it should not be obligatory.

The electoral method decided upon was of secondary importance to the attainment of direct elections. Provided the House got an opportunity to declare which electoral system it wished, he was content to abide by the majority.

elections. These had been dissipated.

It was clear that Denmark was content to abide by the majority.

Mr Merlyn Rees, Home suited of power hungry monster. Its ambitions would be thwarted by the adventions would be thwarted by the had been to France to clarify in his own mind the position there. There was no doubt that both the Gaultwar and Communists would not seek to obstruct the enactment necessary to proceed to direct elections.

If we fail (he said) we shall be the majority.

Mr Devise—The answer is "Yes".

European Parliament becoming a kind of power hungry monster. Its ambitions would be thwarted by the constitutional rules of the found there will be a free vote.

Am I right in assuming from what he has said that the official Opposition will have a free vote on the method as well?

If we fail (he said) we shall be the majority.

Mr Douglas Jay (Wandsworth, Battersea, North, Lab) said there was no obligation on this country under the Treaty of Rome to embark on direct elections, and there was no mandate from the election of election or referendum. Until

ones, we will stop the rest. There will be no forgiving and forgetting the fact that we have done so.

The Opposition will do so. (Some cries of "Oh!")

He judged his view an a single He would not be happy with an arbitrary assessment by the Government of the will of the House based simply on the discussions in the debate. There must be a vote in the House to signify agreement with any electoral sys-

> It seemed desirable there should only be a single electoral memod applied throughout the United A directly-elected European Parliament would bring a searching wind of true representative democ-racy to the council chamber, which it lacked at present. It would but-tress the capacity of Westminster to scrutinize and influence the

The whole Community process would be brought closer to the people themselves with a directlyelected Parliament. It was clear that the EEC had seemed distant and he did not entirely exonerate the Government from his. The purpose of the EEC had been pre-sented with bostility and its achievements adulterated by those people with no friendliness for the

There was no danger of the European Parliament becoming a

there was, he was wholly opposed to any such far-reaching change. Any pretence that direct elec-tions were authorized by the murky story. The electorate had plainly voted on the understanding that those further proposals would be a matter for Parliament to decide.

direct elections would be to diminish the power and authority of the Commons and of the British If there was a rival elected Par-

The practical consequence of direct elections would be to

liament set up elsewhere then ministers would say: "You may not like this but the Strasbourg Assembly has approved it and I do not care what you think here at Westminster."

Westminster."
British assemblymen, each representing 500,000 people, would be in a minority of one fifth of that Assembly and could not exercise decisive control over the Commission. It would be a case of abandaning the substance for the doning the substance for the It was suggested that they should introduce, halfbeartedly and

introduce, halfiteertedly and through the back door, a system of proportional representation into the elections. Whatever PR system was selected it would give more power of patronage to the party-machines. It would involve offer-

ing people jobs with a £25,000 salary. People would increasingly vote for parties rather than individuals.

They should walk no further into the quagante until they knew at least that the common agricultural policy had been drastically reformed, until the new countries. Spain, Greece and Portugal had joined, or until the British electorate had said explicitly "Yes" or "No".

The time was not opportune in

Mr Heath wants Euro MPs in the Commons

The House ought to be giving a lead. This was one sphere in which Europe expected them to be giving a lead. The Community must be

He could not understand those who had opposed entry to the Community because they said it was molemocratic, but, once Britain was in, refused to support steps to make it was marked to support steps to make it more democratic. I do not agree (he said) that to have a directly-elected assembly thereby creates a federal institu-tion. Nothing could be further from the truth.

Some of the problems came from a misunderstanding—the belief that direct elections would transfer any power to the Community. The sovereignty that was pooled was busiferred by the Treaty of Acces-

on. Direct elections would give the Assembly greater status within the Community and greater influence Over the Commission and over the Council of Ministers. It would give opportunities to constituents to lobby their European assemblymen, write to him, and demand

the eyes of the developing countries.

The first-past-the-post electoral sytem would not be acceptable. It would prevent the smaller parties being represented which could not be in the long-term interests of pariiamentary democracy and would be thought to be an unrepresentation creater by the rest of the would be abought to be an americantative system by the rest of the Community.

It was argued that if they did anything different from the way it was done at the moment then the was done at the moment then the electoral system at Westminster would have to be changed. They had a different purpose at Westminster. They not only had to see a government created and supported; they also had to legislate. This was not the case with the European Assembly. He did not believe it meant that whatever system was used for the European Assembly it had then to be adopted at Westminster.

Mr Edward Heath (Bexley, Sidcup, C) said he welcomed the Government's publication of the White Paper. After the debate there should be speedy action. Those who tried to procrastinate and delay the Rouse were wrong.

same way that they did to local country. It would give the Community greater status and distinction in the rest of the Western world and the eyes of the developing countries.

The first-past-the-post electoral system. This danger was already recognized in the constituency system of party choice, The way to deal with it was to make sure there was an active democracy in the proper that were choosing.

The first-past-the-post electoral The select committee suggested that either members of the European Assembly could meet in a grand committee with members of the Commons or they could aummatically sales and the common or the could aummatically sales and the common or the could aummatically sales are the could aummatically sales are the could be common or the could aummatically sales are the could be common or the could aummatically sales are the could be common or the could be common or the could be could be common or the could be common or the could be common or the could be could be common matically take seats in the Lords for the period they were in the Assembly. He did not regard either of these suggestions as being

of these suggestions as being enough.

I would like to see (he said) those directly elected to the European Assembly with the right to sit and speak in this House but not and speak at this House but not the right to vote. That is a really effective way of ensuring that they know what the feelings of this House are and, on European questions, they will have the opportunity of explaining here what action they have been taking in the European Assembly. European Assembly.
This method would be much more effective.

If we do not carry a Bill for

1978 to bring about direct elec-tions. The British people would not thank them for it. Rather than not thank them for it. Rather than tying this country more closely into Europe the Prime Minister should be thinking, if he wished to win the next election, of ways of bringing Britain out of Europe.

We have the said had no benefits from it. I cannot see that we are ever going to derive any benefits from it in the future.

My levelty Theore (March North North Pages) are ever going to derive any benefits from it in the fixture.

Mr Jeremy Thorpe (North Devon, L) said he strongly suspected that if Mr Hoyle were given all the time in the world for contemplation of this matter he would still at the end of the day be opposed to It. Mr Hoyle was rather like the sinner who said: "Cure me of sin, O Lord, but not yet."

In deciding upon an electoral system they should seek to achieve certain criteria. The first was the fairness of the outcome and the second the ease and speed with which the system could be introduced. Thirdly, there should be some guarantee that the system used did not artificially distort the balance between the different party groups in the European Assembly. To do that would do grave damage to the democratic reputation of this country.

By those three tests the first-past-the-post system for the European Assembly it had then to be anopute at Westminster.

His view was that a regional list was a better form than either firstpast-the-post or the national list. It was more representative than the first-past-the-post. It was preferable to the national list because in the regions the list would be much shorter and manageable. It was also closer to the system the other countries had, with the exception of Eire.

Party influence had been mentioned as the danger of the list.

Referendum was not about direct elections

Mr Eric Heffer (Liverpool, Walton, Lab) said when the people of this country voted in the referendum, they voted on whether Britain should stay in or come out of an economic community. This point was stressed constantly by the pro-Marketeers throughout the campaign. The people were not voting to institute a system of direct elections and this was not a central issue at the time of the

Many people who voted and sup-ported entry into Europe now bit-terly regretted having done so. If they had a directly-elected assem-bly, it would become power hungry r insist on more power. The list system of election would ne nst system of election would put enormous power into the bands of the people who drew up the list. If there were to be elec-tions, and he hoped there would not be, the first-past-the-post sys-tem would be much more accep-table. " Mr Russell Fairgreave (West Aber-

deenshire. C) said Britain should stop being the brake in Europe and become the engine. They should proceed to direct elections and take their place in Europe as leaders and not as laggards. He would vote to this end. were accustomed. Mr Colin Phipps (Dudley, West, Lab) said there were many Labour ley, Lab) said that as there was no

MPs who did not see a federal Europe as a fear and a threat but as a hope and a promise. He wanted to merge the sovereignty of this country with that of Europe.

A first-past-the-post system of elections would be unfair. For Europe there must be some form of proportional representation.

Mr Richard Wood (Bridlington, C) said he would greatly prefer the system of regional lists or the single transferable wore if it were not for the Hertulean task of counting the votes after the election. Nevertheless, it was far preferable to hold elections next year under a defective system than to feustrate them while waiting for a better one.

them while waiting for a better one.

Mr James Graigen (Glasgow, Maryhill, Lab) said the people who sent MPs to Westminster were more concerned about their living standards and employment prospects within the Community. Britain should have more time to digest the implications of what was proposed.

digest the implications of what was proposed.

Sir John Rodgers (Sevenoaks, C) said he favoured direct elections. They must adhere to the simple majority or first-past-the-post system to which the British people was accustomed.

an urgent matter and there was no magic about 1977. Neither should any MP be also a member of that Parliament, Some sort of propor-tional representation would be essential.

Mr George Reid (Stirlingshire,
East and Clackmannan, Scot Nat)
said the SNP reserved its position
on the form of the election, on the form of the election, although as a party they were not happy with the list system with power being in the hands of the apparachiles and party functionaries. There could be an interim period in which the dual mandate could continue but evenually people would have so decide maily people would have to decide one way or the other.

Scottish members at Strasbourg could have temporary membership of the Scottish Assembly with power to initiate discussion and speak in debates but not to vote. Mr George Gardiner (Reigate, C) said there was far more virtue in single member representation for constituencies in the European Parliament than all the leading

Parliament than all the leading articles in The Times suggested.

As a committed supporter of British membership of the EEC be

believed that importing an alien

proposition to get rid of the Parlia-ment, which he would favour, it should be elected. But this was not

Mr John Hunt (BromJey, Ravensbourne, C) said the public would regard it as an electoral outrage if the Liberal Party were to gain three or four million votes and yet not return a single member to the European Assembly. He was inclined to favour a regional list system which would allow some of the virtues of the simple majority system to be retained. Mr Roger Moate (Faversham, C) said he would feel a sense of outrage if they had a regional list system. He was appalled by the readiness of those who claimed to be seeking to make the Common Marker depreciate on a borden all Market democratic to abandon all vestiges of democracy as the word was understood here, in the system they were prepared to adopt. Mr. Brynmor John, Minister of State, Home Office (Pontypridd, Lab) said it was the Government's intention as soon as the debate was over to consider the points that had been made with a view to bringing forward legislation. The debate was adjourned until

House adjourned, 10.18 pm.

records only a memory Lord Teviot, initiating a debate on public records, said that the Pub-lic Record Office dated back to 1836 when the first modern public

records Act was passed. The last major study of the archives was by the Grizg Commission in 1954. It resulted in the 1958 Public Records Act.
The results bad on the whole

The results had on the whole been successful. For the first time a specific responsibility was placed on the departments for the long-term preservation of records, it gave the PRO a loose but more clearly defined coordinating role. It established the 50-year rule, which was later reduced to 30 years.

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Since 1954 there had been great charges in the records, the users, and the way they used them. Who in 1954 could have foreseen the great charges which the computer would bring?

The needs of historians and scholars were different then Since when the process of the strong and scholars were different then Since was different then Sin The needs of historians and scholars were different then. Since Grigg reported there had been a distinct shift in interest from old fashioned political and diplomaric history. Now there was an emphasis on economic, social and local factors, and on science. He was not convinced that enough was being the state of the transferred by the second convinced that enough was being the second of the second convinced that enough was being the second of the done to let the professional his-torian who, if anyone should know about those things, have a fair say in the process of selection. A Government archives service could be set up on the same lines as the Government's economic services and accountancy services A Government archive service could provide a career structure. People interested in records would want to join such a service, It would not be joined by a staff who felt they would be pushed into a backwater. Historians would be in

vited to take part in the selection and reviewing at early stages. The National Enterprise Board involved a critical element in the Government's economic strategy, and had a decisive power in the future of British Leyland and other its proceedings for a comprehen-

its proceedings for a comprehen-sive study of the British economy Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, said great new bodies had been set up which were not subject to the Public Records Office, They in cluded the National Enterprise Breatd the Race Relegious Roard cluded the National Enterprise
Board, the Race Relations Board,
the British Steel Corporation, and
the transport undertakings.
Some means or advice ought to
be given whereby their records
could be preserved and allocated
instead of being destroyed.

The problem was being considered by the Advisory Council on
Public Records. It was not within
the statute but the Royal Commission on Historical Manuscripts had
initiated a pilot study to see the

sion on historical manuscripts had initiated a pilot study to see the extent of the problem of those fringe bodies.

One particular problem had been raised. That was, did the Government departments disclose or send over to the Public Records Office all that they chould a

all that they should?

It was a difficult question because the departments, if they did not want to disclose their records, could overlook them, miss them or even destroy them, and the Public Records Office could do nothing about it. nothing about it.

But there could be good reasons

for that.
Some years ago (he said) I has to conduct an inquiry after the Profumo incident. There were all sorts of records there. Most secre records. All sorts of Indiscretions recorded.

not? The answer to that was the evidence was given in confidence. assured every person who gave in-formation that it was completely confidential and would not be dis-

closed.

Afterwards only one copy was kept. Lots of people would have liked to have read it.

A year or two later I was asked whether that one copy could be destroyed. It was a good case. Would it be a breach of faith for them afterwards for it to be disclosed even after 30, 40 or 50 years?

closed even after 30, 40 or 50 years?

The confidence has been maintained and the records have been destroyed in the Profumo inquirs. It is only in my head and I am forcing myself to forget it all now.

The other problem was whether secrecy ought to be extended beyond 30 years to 50, 75 or 100 years. There were sometimes grounds for extending the 30-year rule. rule.
The advisory council were keep

ing their eye on the matter and looked at requests for extension to see whether they were justified. Lord Bethel said he wondered what Lord Bethel said he wondered what other documents had been destroyed. Had the Suez documents been destroyed? It was an entirely different thing to close documents for 50 or 150 years than to destroy them. It went against the root of his professional feelings as an historian to think that documents of such a crucial matter had been destroyed.

such a crucial matter had been destroyed.

The Lord Chancellor closed the 1946 Cabinet Office papers on Palestine on the recommendation of the Cabinet Office, but by an archival quirk he had an opportunity of seeing some of those documents. The reason was because they were cross referenced in the Foreign Office documents, so atthough they had been closed a copy appeared in the Foreign Office documents. He had obtained several of those documents.

Office documents. He had obtained several of those documents. He could not see why they were closed because while the material was extremely interesting and controversial and might embarrass one or two individuals, but not injure them, they in no way were prejudicial to the security of the country, or likely to damage the country's diplomatic, national or economic interests.

Interests.
Lord Elwyn-Jones, Lord Chancel-lor, said he would refrain from making any comment on the remarkable fact disclosed by Lord Denning but I imagine the drown Defining but I imagine the circumstances there were of such an exceptional character personal to bim that he thought it right, in view of assurances he may have personally given, to take the course that he took.

But I venture at least to express that that must be viewed as a highly exceptional event, namely the destruction of records.

When a complaint was made

the destruction of records.

When a complaint was made about a closure the minister responsible for the department which had requested the closure was himself bound to investigate the matter in the same way as any other complaint about his department's actions. other complaint about his department's actions.

I was (he went on) harshly chastised about the Palestinian papers.
There was a misunderstanding between the Cabinet Office and the Foreign Office and I have since signed the instrument opening the Palestinian papers, with some minor exceptions, and I am grateful that at least I have credit for baving done that.

I hope there will be no unfortunate repetition of that kind of

i nope there will be no infor-timate repetition of that kind of departmental misunderstanding. There had been suggestion of setting up a National Archives Ser-vice but at the moment it could not be done. If more money was avail-able it might be possible.

Moral obligation on Community to help in narrowing gap between the rich and the poor of the world

Strasbourg
The European Community had always had a depressing tendency to denigrate its own achievements, often because it fixed sights on unrealistic targets and felt a sense of let down when those targets were not met. Dr David Owen, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs and current President of the Council of Ministers, coupled this statement with a declaration that the Community must continue to offer the people of the poorer countries the prospect of lives no longer dominated by want and insufficiency.

Dr Owen was reporting to the Parliament on the European Council meeting in Rome in March, in his first speech here since becoming Foreign Secretary. He said that the Council has asked the Commission to draw up an action programme, hope fully to cover specific proposals for increasing industrial investment, increasing industrial investment, in-creasing job opportunities and covering sectors causing immediate concern, like steel and shipbuild-ing. The Commission would make a progress report on its work to the Council in June.

It is vitally important (he said) that we are in a position to report progress for alleviating memploy-ment. In particular, young school leavers will expect action this sum-mer, not just words. (Applause.) Restoring balanced growth to

the world economy would be a major theme of the Downing Street It was right for the Communi-ty to deal with the various econo-mic matters affecting the livelihood of many millions of their own citizens. They should not be ashamed to admit that that was their first priority but not the only

priority.
We are also citizens of the world we are also citizens of the world (he said). We have responsibilities to the unemployed and the under-nourished, worldwide. The Euro-pean Community has, thankfully, never seen itself as an exclusive, inward-looking organization.

The Council had devoted considerable rime at Rome to the North-South dialogue. The two issues were not unrelated. A generosity of spirit and intention was hard to achieve against a background of domestic recession. domestic recession.

Help for the poorest countries in
the world did not receive much
sympathy from people living in the
shadow, let alone the reality, of

unemployment.
There would be a major spate of international activity in the next few months and the outcome of that would be decisive for the future course of the dialogue.

The Community's voice was heard in all the international forums, either through member states or as a Community.

We must ensure that this Community voice (he said) is identifiable confictent and confi able, consistent and constructive. This means that whatever the dif-ferences over details which will

agree on underlying principles, and in Rome we demonstrated a ment. We agree that an international

economy in which one third of the world's population has an annual per capita income of less than £100 and in which the gap between the poorest and richest pations is poorest and richest pations is growing, is morally unacceptable, demeans human dignity and is a force for unpredictable tensions, economic and polltical, world wide. Stability in Europe cannot be isolated from world stability. It says a lot for the Community that says a lot for the Community that it has always recognized that fact.

We agree that there is justice in the demand of the developing world for a more equitable economic order and that it is a vital interest of both developed and developing nations alike to work together in devising such an order. We have to recognize that in our post-colonial world the developing countries must have their rightful influence in the international economic system.

That had been made clear to him in Africa by every independent

In a had been made clear to him in Africa by every independent leader to whom he spoke.

We agree (he said) that the Community, which is, inevitably, concerned primarily for the less fortunate among its own people has an inescapable moral obligation to show a similar concern for tion to show a similar concern for the disadvantaged of the world. We cannot abandon the world's poor to the mercles of the Malthusian trilogy of war, famine and

disease.

Speaking as a socialist politician to my feliow European socialists, rather than as President of the Council of Foreign Ministers, we cannot with conviction use the language of social democracy at home and that of Adam Smith or laisser this to the Manuschical of the Paris of the Manuschical of the Manuschi faire in the international economy.

All, of whatever political philosophy, agreed that the Community had a duty to deploy its political and economic influence to promote the dialogue with the developing

world.

That was in keeping, not only with the long-standing ties of friendship and cooperation which individual member states enjoyed individual member states enjoyed outside Europe but with the rapidly developing role of the Community itself as a force minternational affairs.

That was why the United Kingdom presidency had felt it right to devote a major part of its presidential effort to hammering out, in the Council of Foreign Ministers and at Rome, Community positions on a common fund and positions on a common fund and the issues which arose in the conference on international econo-

mic cooperation.
Since Rome the first round of the common fund conference in Genera had ended without full agreement. The pessimists had had a field day but it was not surprising that there were many different concepts of how a fund should be operated and financed.

We must grow up (he said) and stop spending our time predicting crises every time there is disagreement. Disagreements in these dis-cussions are inevitable, but there exists a consensus that any scheme eventually decided must assist international commodity arrange-ments to stabilize commodity prices around the longer-term mar-ket trends. A basis exists for the successful conclusion of a recon-vened conference.

The Community had a record of solid achievements. He admitted that there were no ground for compliancency, but neither had they

complacency, but neither had they grounds for despair or defeatism.

It is a measure of the size of the problem (he said) that so much remains to be done. If I can speak bluntly, the Community has always had a depressing tendency to den-igrate its own achievements, often because it fixes its sights on whoily unrealistic targets and then feels a sense of let-down when those targets are not met.

We must continue to offer the

people of the poorer contains the prospect of lives no longer dominated by want and insufficiency. In doing so, we must ensure that we improve rather than damage the functioning of the world economic and trading system. tem.

Some ideas discussed were un-

realistic and could not be sup-ported by politicians prepared to show vision and to give a lead to their domestic public opinion. It was not feasible to meet immediately all the demands of the developing world, but that practi-cal political reality should not diminish the force of the commit ment to deal cooperatively with the serious and urgent problems of

developing countries.

Other countries such as the Soviet Union and East European countries had responsibilities and in many cases contributed little to the developing world. They looked to the oil producers, with their vast surpluses, to constitute con-structively and generously. He did not pretend that their response to the challenge pre-served by the widening and intoler-

quate, but at least the evidence Community's determination to tackle that intractable problem and of their commitment to work constructively with their many friends in the third world. We share a common goal (he said) of a more equitable and prosperous world economy, but our task as MPs and political leaders is to shape political opinion in our own countries and to build up the sense of idealism and commitment of our own people so that the community's aspirations and rhetoric are matched by concrete and recognizable achievements in this area of political activity has profound importance for the peace of the world and the future of all the world's citizens. (Applause.)

Irish MP attacks British minister over attitude to EEC farm policy

Optimism by the Council of Ministers that differences between Britain and the other eight Community countries can be resolved when the Council of agriculture ministers meets next week contractions of the green pound and butter prices and food prices in general in the United Kingdom.

When the Council resumed on resolved when the Council of agriculture ministers meets next week contract of the green pound and butter prices in oabundance of food in the world. We are living in a world of starre food and where food stock prices are going up and where political tendencies in other parts of the green pound and butter prices and food prices in general in the United Kingdom.

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Opening the debate on agricultural prices. Mr John Tomlinson, Under Secretary for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, said that the presidency (the United King-dom) shared the general dis-appointment that the long and arduous discussions on farm prices in the Council had not produced a settlement. With a little detach. ment it was possible to suggest that the differences and difficulties should not be overstated.

It had always been clear that there would be great difficulties in reaching an early settlement, bearing in mind that the new commis-sion naturally required time to put forward proposals.

There had been a good deal of

progress and the gap to be bridged was not great. Eight member states was not great. Light memoer states had agreed to price increases, although they were different from the increases the Commission had first proposed. The rises would have been only a little greater than those suggested by the Commission, but substantially so in the daily sector. dairy sector.

The British Government's position was that the increases other members were prepared to accept were not justified.

The differences within the Coun-

cil (he said) are not as great and fundamental as some might have supposed. I remain optimistic that it will be possible for the dif-ferences to be resolved next week. Mr Finn Olav Gundelach, Vica-President of the Commission for Agriculture, said that when the in world markets without paying a statement of the United Kingdom price.

If we are not willing to pay farmers sufficient prices (he said) is load made partisan political points.

for the package and concentrate on finding a solution to the remaining problems. The Commission had gone a long way in their proposal on butter but he would not have been justified in putting it forward if he had not felt it was beneficial to the Community.

The United Kingdom was a most important part of the butter market. The collapse of that market as a result of sharp increases in price

might have ruined the market for producers in all other European countries.

If a solution is not found (he sald) we are in dire difficulties. If the Council fails to agree on a package with slight modifications

package wan saint mountainous at the beginning of next week I foresee the possibility that there will be no vote in the Council to prolong the market year for dairy products and meat beyond May 1. There would then be no common prices and therefore no monetary compensatory amount, no export restitution, no import levies and we shall be in a holy mess. This is not a trivial matter. It

This is not a trivial matter. It could ring the doom of the Community. Protectionist pressures are building up in our industry and outside the Community. It could be that all the beautiful words of the morning would go out of the window. There would be no North-South dialogue because there would be no effective working Community.

It would be wrong for consumers to insist that they were being given a bad deal by the CAP because they were not. They could not expect to have security of supply as they had in the CAP and to avoid violent fluctuation of prices in world markets without paying a

in world markets without paying a

would are to introduce stabilizing effects not unlike those in the Community. Mr Michael Yeats (Ireland, DEP) mr Michael Years (reland, DEP) said the official onslaught by the British Government on the CAP must cease. The British presidency had one last opportunity to redeem itself next week in Luxembourg when the Council reconvened.

If a decision is not reached at the next meeting as a result of the

It a decision is not reason as the next meeting as a result of the United Kingdom aritude (he said) it will be necessary to consider their membership of the Community.

There could be no conceivable institution for Religion attenuation justification for Britain attempting to destroy the CAP which they had accepted on accession. That was what they had seen in recent weeks. Mr John Silkin, whose absence he regretted, must under-stand beyond any doubt that his attitude, simply, was not compat-ible with loyal membership of the

Community.

Mr John Corrie (North Ayrshire and Bute, C) said that it was sad that Britain should be holding the presidency and seem, at the same time, to be trying to destroy the hme, to be rying to bearby me system.

Mr Tomlinson said that Mr Gunde-lach and Mr John Silkin would meet tomorrow (Thursday) for discussion. He remained optimistic discussion. He remained optimistic about the outcome of next week's meeting. Mr Yeats's allegations about the conduct of the British presidency and the United Kingdom Government were as outrageous as his language was intemporate

perate.
The British Government were not seeking to wreck the CAP but would like to see it better balanced between producers and consumer interests. Mr. Corrie was wrong to

Record of Post Office defended

The Earl of Kimberley (L) initiat-ing a debate on the Post Office said that it was claimed that 93 per cent of first class letters were delivered by the following working day, but that meant that about 700,000 first class letters every day were still subject to delay. The general pattern of postal services had been one where all services had been one where all users were asked to pay more and more for less and less, and were subjected to bewildering policies. Many users would like to make more use of the post, but they were often prevented by excessive prices and continual uncertainty. What users needed was an open approach from the Post Office in which it made its plans public and discussed them with all sections of the public.

the public.

As there seemed little likelihood As there seemed little likelihood of the postal service becoming cheaper and every likelihood of its facilities probably becoming less, it must be right to try for cheaper elephones and telegrams. The country should have a social service from the Post Office, which should be run viably for the benefit of all.

should be lift of all. Lord Redesdale, president of the British direct marketing associa-tion, said that the country had had the best postal services in the world. It was still a good service compared with 2 lot of countries. but because it was better it should not be allowed to decline. The Post Office said that the halfpenny rise in postal charges represented only a 6 per cent increase in first class mail and an 8

but the Post Office was being naughty because those increases were alked with a reduction in the maximum weight.

Users ought to have considerable representation on the Post Office of it appeared to be limited.

Little of it appeared to be exported and the active marketing of it was saily lacking.

Lord Wall said that the total per-formance of the Post Office Corporation since its inception had Corporation since its inception had been creditable. Telecommunications had grown rapidly. The number of telephones in the last sine years had grown by 60 per cent, the number of calls by 100 per cent and the number of staff by 5 per cent.

The Post Office had made profits in form our of the last seven years.

The Post Office had made profits in four out of the last seven years, and the three years in which losses were made were due to the Government's insistence on price restraint. Compared with other nationalized industries the Post Office record was good. Lord Patt (Ind) said the first class mail was an excellent service when it was considered how many millions of letters had to be sorted. lions of letters had to be sorted.

Most people who complained about it were the types that he would not trust to post a letter. Apparent delays were often the fault of the sender, not the Post Office, because letters were posted several days after the writer had dated and written the letter. Lady Macleod of Borve said she

of it was sadly lacking.

Calls through the operator were often slow to be answered and when they replied operators tended to say they were busy. That was not acceptable as an excuse. Lord Winterbottom, Lord in Waiting, said that the record of the Post Office was far from bad. There was a British habit of focusing attention on what went wrong and less on the achievements.

Letters delivered per employee by the Post Office compared well with other EEC countries, except the Netherlands. The United King-dom's charges for basic England and overseas letters were lower than those of any other EEC country and were not very dif-ferent from those in the United States where the Post Office received a huge subsidy. The United Kingdom had the third largest total of telephones in the world. House adjourned, 9.39 pm.

Parliamentary notices House of Commons
Today at 2.30: Debate on housing,
Motion on EEC decoment on food had known an 84p stamped letter take a week to travel 100 yards in Hertfordshire. She now delivered many of her own letters because the Post Office could no longer be trusted to deliver mall within a reasonable time.

House of Commons Today at 2.30: Debate on housing Moliton on EEC document on food labeling.

House of Lords Today at 2.30: Statute Law (Repeats) Bill. Merchant Stipping (Safety Convention) Bill, and Deer Bill, committee

OVERSEAS

Newspapers say Dutch collector's | Dr Owen £5m art gift to Pretoria University belonged to Jews

The Hague, April 20

Allegation that a £5m art collection donated to Pretoria University was amassed from Jews fleeing the Nazi persecution in Holland appeared simultaneously in two leading Dutch and South African newspapers

The collection was donated last year by Mr Jacob Abraham van Tilburg, aged 88, who emigrated to South Africa in 1951. He had been arrested after the Second World War on charges of collaboration, but the case was later dropped.

Today's reports in the Rotterdam-based Algemeen Dag-blad and the Johannesburg Star after a joint investigation by

the two newspapers.

The Dagblad quoted former members of the Dutch resistance as saying that Mr van Tilburg built his collection on "blood money"—funds belonging to Jewish families who fled the Nazi terror in occupied Holland. Most of them failed to

The newspaper reports that Mr van Tilburg was a member of the Dordrecht town council toric Union during the occu-

15 factories

affected

poison

Rome, April 20

by Seveso

From Our Correspondent

Lombardy

government tody decided to

spread asphalt over the

grounds of 15 factories at

Cesano Maderno, near Milan,

after Swiss scientists reported high levels of the dioxin poi-

son which escaped from a plant at Seveso last summer. The grounds will be fenced off

and the factories cleaned.

The regional government, in

an urgent meeting to discuss the Swiss findings, decided against closing down the factories, where 118 workers are employed.

Cesano Maderno is near

Seveso, which was evacuated after a cloud of dioxin escaped

from the Swiss-owned Icmesa chemicals plant there, but it

has not been officially listed as

The Lombardy councillor responsible for health, Signor Vittorio Rivolta, told journalists after the meetings that up

to 200 microgrammes of dioxin per square metre had been found round the factories. The

maximum level permitted for safety is 0.001 microgrammes.

It was distributed very un-

seriously contaminated.

pation. He was arrested imme-diately after the war and tried by a special tribunal. Charges of collaboration were finally dropped in May, 1948, because, the paper says, of insufficient

The newspaper claims that Mr van Tilburg promised to help Jews whose goods he held in safekeeping to escape to unoccupied France or Switzer-land. Of the 20 to 30 families involved, only, one individual was known to have reached safety. The fee for a "ricket to freedom" was between £200

The paper also records that immediately after the war Mr van Tilburg was fined £70,000 for black marketeering, but had the fine reduced to £15,000

Mr van Tilburg, who lives near Pretoria in a 21-roomed house converted to house his collection, is reported in both newspapers as saying the accu-sations are "filthy lies".

he could not comment since he had not yet seen the full documentation. The dossiers of the van Tilburg cases handled by the special tribunal, the court for the Protestant Christian His- for rehabilitation and various unable to toric Union during the occu- other courts were in the Min- guidance.

From Dan van der Vat

Herr Schmidt, the West Ger-

man Chancellor, gave a warning

today against overreaction to

terrorism. Speaking in an emer-gency Bundestag debate on the assassination of Herr Siegfried

Buback, the Attorney General, he said the people had a right to protection and expected ter-

rorists to be punished, but not at the cost of infringement of

Terrorism was an inter-national problem and no coun-try, not even one ruled by mili-tary dictators, had come up with

West Germany had shown that it was not helpless against

terrorism, he added. It had introduced many new measures

at home and also worked abroad

to improve international co-operation. The Government was

always ready to reexamine the

legal defences against terrorism, but would not be panicked.

Herr Schmidt presented the

House with a balance sheet of terrorism in West Germany

over the past decade.
A total of 123 people had been imprisoned for terrorism

or abetting it, and another 60 were awaiting confirmation of sentence. Charges had been laid against another 85, while 240 more were under official

investigation and warrants had

an answer overnight

Bonn, April 20

Bonn's role in curbing

terrorism defended

istry of Justice archives and would under normal circum-

"However, if the Government is asked by Parliament to exlain this matter, we would have access to the dossiers"

Dr de Jong said. Various political parties are considering tabling questions to the Government on the affair. The president of the tribunal before which Mr van Tilburg appeared, Mr Jaap Burger, is now one of the Queen's Advisers. With elections pend-

Advisers. With elections pending, the affair has far-reaching political implications.
Our Johannesburg Correspondent writes: Professor E. M. Hamman, the Rector of Pretoria University, said today the university would return the art works to their rightful owners if it was proved they had been improperly obtained. The university obtained th

ersity's council would investi-gate the allegations. It is understood that the university was informed of rumours about the collection at the time it was donated by Mr van Tilburge. A member of the university council, Dr C. L. du Bruyn, had approached the Dutch Embassy in Pretoria, but they were unable to provide any official

had been killed by terrorists, 88 injured and 13 held hostage. Ten terrorists were killed in battles with the police.

The Chancellor said the right way to deal with political violence was to isolate its perpetrators morally and convince sympathizers that all they were doing was supporting murderers. The risk of suppressing

derers. The risk of suppressing

legitimate dissent must be avoided. There was no point in banning political groups which favoured violence because the voters could be relied upon, as they had shown, to prove their rejection of these at every

Harsher sentences would not

deter those determined on mur-

der, and he added that intro-

ducing special procedures for dealing with terrorist crimes

would create a dangerous

sition leader, accused the Government of trying to make

light of terrorism and demanded

tougher legal measures. The Opposition would table pro-

posals because confidence in the institutions of the state would

be endangered unless every-thing possible were done, he

said. The people were worried the state might not be able to cone with terrorism.

the three men wanted in con-nexion with the murder on

Maundy Thursday of Herr Buback, his driver and a pas-

Police still have no trace of

Dr Helmut Kohl, the Oppo-

election.

This part of the debate was boycotted by the British Labour MPs, who walked out with the rest of the Socialist group in protest against the failure to call Lord Ardwick to speak in the debate on Dr Owen's statement.
Dr Owen told the Parliament that economic matters affecting the livelihood of the Com-munity's own citizens was the

backs EEC

Third World

The EEC record of aid to

developing countries was stoutly

defended by Dr David Owen,

the Foreign Secretary, in his

maiden speech as President of

the Council of Foreign Minis

ters to the European Parliament

His speech, concentrating

almost entirely on the needs of the Third World and the Com-

munity's role in providing that

aid, was well received, but that

was the only bright spot for Britain during the day. Dr Owen himself was criticized because he had to leave only

30 minutes after making ais speech to open the Westminster

lebate on direct European

Later, the British Govern-ment was condemned for its artitude in the farm price nego-

Conservative MP, who wondered whether Mr John Silkin, the Agriculture Minister, was out to destroy not only the common

agricultural policy but the whole concept of the Community.

elections.

aid to

From John Winder

Strasbourg, April 20

EEC's first priority, but not its only priority.
"We are also citizens of the world", he said. "We have responsibilities to the unemployed and to the undernourished, world wide. The European Comworld wine the European Com-munity has never seen itself, thankfully, as an exclusive in-ward-looking organization, and the European Council devoted

considerable time at Rome to the North-South dialogue." He said there was justice in for a more equitable economic order and it was vital to all the nations to achieve it. The Community, although inevitably concerned primarily with the less fortunate among its own people, had a moral obligation

to show a similar concern for the disadvantaged of the world. "We cannot abandon the world's poor to the mercies of the Malthusian trilogy of war, famine and disease," Dr Owen said and was applauded by the MPs.
Dr Owen added: "If I can

speak bluntly, the Community has always had a depressing tendency to denigrate its own achievements, often because it fixes its sights on wholly unrealistic targets and then feels a sense of let-down when they are not met "We must continue to offer

the people of the poorer countries the prospect of lives no longer dominated by want and insufficiency." Parliamentary report, page 5

China's campaign against the "gang of four", said to have been led by Chiang Ching, Chairman Mao's widow, has been carried into street theatres. In this production in a Shanghai street, the masked player portraying Chiang Ching wears spectacles and a skirt.

Patriotic Front rebuffs Owen plan

for Rhodesia conference

Diplomatic Correspondent

Dr David Owen, the Foreign Secretary, appears to have been sharply rebuffed by the Patriotic Front, the most militant of the Rhodesian African nationalist groups, on his proposals for a constitutional conference. Mr Joshua Nkomo and Mr Robert Mugabe, the joint leaders of the Patrioric Front, said in Lusaka that they rejec-ted any full participation in constitutional talks by the two other African leaders, Bishop Abel Muzorewa (who will be in London next week) and the Rev Ndabaningi Sithole. They also insisted that Mr Ian Smith, the

Rhodesian Prime Minister, could attend only as a member of the delegation of Britain, as the colonial power.

However, it has been noted in London that the five "front-line" presidents issued no com-munique after their meeting in Luanda this week and have not, it appears, endorsed the Patriotic Front's claim to be the

sole representative of African opinion. It may well be, powers on the future of the therefore, that Mr Nkomo and territory, but there were "cer-Mr Mugabe will not prove tain limits beyond which South that one race is superior to

are designed to find out what Canada within the next two measure of agreement exists in weeks to discuss an internation-

Nicholas Ashford writes from ceived a somewhat cautious gesture of support today from Mr Vorster, the South African Prime Minister, who told Par-liament he thought the new British initiative on Rhodesia had a chance of success and should not be written off". But he added that its success

would depend on the reason-ableness and fairness of the various parties involved. If the initiative failed he believed it would not be the fault of the whites in Rhodesia. South Africa, he went on, was not only willing to play a 1 le in solving the Rhodesian ques-

tion, but had and was doing so. It was important that the western world recognized that South Africa had such a role to play. said he was prepared to have further talks with the Western

France, West Germany and ally acceptable solution to the Namibian constitutional prob-

Ambassadors representing the five Security Council members met Mr Vorster shortly before Easter. The outcome of that meeting will be discussed in Cape Town on Friday when the Prime Minister has talks with members of the constitutional committee of the Turnhalle conference on Namibia.

In his speech in Parliament.

In his speech in Parliament, Mr Vorster argued at considerable length that discrimination in South Africa was steadily being eliminated. Making his second speech on discrimination in two days, he listed a series of areas, including schools, sport, constitutional development, travel and eating facilities where, he said, action had al-ready been taken. He gave an On South-West Africa assurance that attention would (Namibia), the Prime Minister continue to be given to those said he was prepared to have areas where discrimination still

quite so uncompromising as Africa was not prepared to go, another", he stated. "My policy they sound.

Certainly Dr Owen's hope is that he can persuade all the participants at the previous far unconfirmed, Mr Vorster is could be made unless it was made". between race and race and According to press reports, so group and group." No progress

Junta acts against family of dead banker

Buenos Aires, April 20

President Videla has con-firmed the existence of close links between left-wing guer-links between left-wing guer-rilias and high finance in Argentina. A banking group, he said, had invested huge suns earned by guerrilla kidnap-pings, robberies and exterion. The President was making the first official externers as

the first official statement on military investigations into a banking group centred on Senor David Graiver, whose reported death last year was followed by bank collapses in the United States, Belgium and

"This so-called Graiver group worked for the subver-sives", President Videla said. They received several million dollars in deposits to be invested here and abroad for the benefit of subversion, and they were fully conscious of what

they were doing."
He said the military junta was dealing out summary punishment to Senor's Graiver's father, a Polish-Jewish immigrant, his brother, wife and three associates under an "institutional Act" introduced last June to deal with activities con-sidered "harmful to the higher interests of the nation".

The six remain in jail at the pleasure of the Junta, lose their civil and political rights and forfeit their wealth end property until they can prove it was gained legally. They are still liable to trial and a military prosecutor is gathering evidence to decide whether they shoul face a court martial.

Rome: Señor Mario Firmenich. head of the Montoneros urban once here at which two reconsist former governors, Señor Oscar Bidegain, of Boenos Aires province, and Señor Ricardo Obregón Cano, of Córdoba, pledged their support.

Señor Firmenich was

announcing the formation of a new movement aimed at replac-ing the present regime Dr Rodolfo Puiggros, former rector of the University of Buenos Aires, also backed the

QC accepts dissent case

By Marcel Berlins A leading British QC, Mr John MacDonald, has been asked to help Professor Yuri Orlov, a Soviet dissident in detention, to prepare his defence in the event of charges being made against him.

It is believed to be the first attempt to obtain the services ravel and eating facilities where, he said, action had aleady been taken. He gave an assurance that attention would continue to be given to those creas where discrimination still existed.

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is the leader of a group formed last year to promote observance of the Helsinki agreements He has not yet been charged, but his family and colleagues fear that he will be accused civil conference to ioin in new consultations which Britain is under
expected to have another meetaccepted that different people of fabricating slanders against the soviet Union, or of antitations which Britain is underBritain, the United States, styles.

At the same time, 17 people Spanish general dismissed in Suárez clampdown

evenly and was thought to been issued for the arrest of have been brought in by vehi-

Madrid, April 20.—A Spanish mand", he told Army com-rmy general was dismissed manders. Army general was dismissed today as Dr Adolfo Suárez, the Prime Minister, took steps to curb military dissent over the lifting of a 38-year-old ban on

the Communist Party.

Brigadier-General Manuel
Alvarez Zalba was dismissed as
head of the Army Ministry's
secretariat, the official Gazette Informed sources said that General Alvarez had sent out a document to Army commanders accusing the Government of

failing to advise the Army be-fore its decision to legalize the

Communist Party. Lieutenant-General Alvarez Arenas, the Army Minister, later issued a circular saying he had not authorized the document. He said it contained certain errors which threaten to cause great confusion within our com- Presse.

British women

EEC bridge title

After five of seven rounds in the team events of the Common Market Bridge Champlonships, the British women seem certain to win

their series. Yesterday they won 20—0 against France and continued with a 13—7 win against their closest challengers, The Nether-

Italy moved into second place, more than a full match behind Great Britain, whom they meet in this evening's final round.

in this evening's final round.

The British open team, four of whom will represent Great Britain in the European Championships, were outplayed 19—1 by the French. They recovered in the evening when they won 19—1 against The Netherlands, but stipped into third place. To improve on that placing, they will need to heat the leaders. Italy, in

seem sure of

The Army Supreme Council, many of whose members fought the communists in the 1936-39 Spanish Civil War grudgingly accepted the decision, but put on record its disgust. However, Admiral Gabriel Pita da printing employees, which is now in its third week. Two Veiga, the Navy Minister, resigned in protest

In an apparent gesture to hoost Navy morale, King Juan Carlos, who is visiting West Germany, agreed to preside over a ceremony in the Mediterranean port of Cartagena on Monday to hand over a new warship to the Spanish Navy. Labour sources said that left-

wing unions, wary of further upsetting the Army, had decided to refrain from holding demonstrations on May 1.

Reuter and Agence France

Ports in Finland

Helsinki, April 20.—A strike by ship's engineers brought Fin-

nish ports to a virtual stand-still today. An airline workers' strike is due to start tomorrow.

The new stoppages have been

called in support of a four-week-old strike by electrical techni-cians that has affected indus-try, transport, agriculture and private homes. Finland has

been hit by a rash of strikes since all sides failed to renew

the traditional national agree-

ment on wages and prices.

Workers in more than half

brought to

halt by strike

Strikebound Danish papers printed by duplicators

From Our Correspondent Copenhagen, April 20

Danish newspaper publishers plan to use duplicators and large office offset printing machines to produce emergency newspapers despite the unofficial countrywide strike by emergency newspapers of this type appeared today. Statements by various publishers indicate that, by the beginning of next week, about a dozen

will be appearing regularly.

A labour court yesterday ordered the striking printers to return to work in a provi-sional ruling issued imme-diately after a hearing. Some have agreed to do so; but leaders of the printing unions say that they will not send their members back to work until a sertlement is negotiated in the conflict which has prevented the main national daily, Berlingske Tidende, from appearing since January 30.

appearing since January 30.

A full court ruling will come on May 4 when the unions will also be ordered to pay fines.

Meanwhile, the unions have started an intensified campaign to windows to the unions to when the started are intensified to what also will be a started as a started an intensified campaign to windows.

From Our Correspondent

Spain today ratified two

by the International Labour Office (ILO), one on freedom of association and protection of

Geneva, April 20

Spain ratifies union rights

trade union rights standards set to study the situation.

provincial Skive Folkelad, today published a full news-paper with the help of un-

paper with the help of unorganized staff. It was the first
time the newspaper has
appeared since the conflict
began on April 1.

"The dispute is costing us
about £2,500 daily", Mr Larsen
said. "The public impression
that the loss is paid for by the
Association of Newspaper
Owners is not correct. The
newspapers are bearing the
losses themselves, apart from a losses themselves, apart from a token sum from the association."

The total cost to newspaper owners has already exceded £10m, he estimated, and many of the 40 newspapers involved will not be able to survive. "It has been widely claimed that six newspapers are likely to close, but I am sure that the number will be greater than that", he said.

Several opposition politicians have appealed to Mr Anker Joergensen, the Prime Minister, to intervene in the conflict. He has refused. He has also warned newspapers in trade unions. They have also financial difficulty that they sought economic assistance could not expect assistance from union organizations in from the Government

abducted in Namibia From Our Own Correspondent Johannesburg, April 20 One hundred and twenty bian border. school children are said to Father Ballmeier said that a

Priest says 120 children

have been abducted from a Roman Catholic mission school in Ovamboland, in northern Namibia (South-West Africa), and transported over the border into Angola.

According to Father W. Ball-meier, a spokesman for the Catholic Church in Windhoek, the children from the Ombalantu mission school were rounded up by armed guerrillas and driven across the border in lorgies belonging to border in lorries belonging to the mission. Thirty-one were in primary school and the rest, including 40 girls, were at high

It is presumed the guerrillas belonged to the South-West

Africa People's Organization, which is carrying out a low intensity war along the Nami-

number of adults were also held by the guerrillas but released at the border. They included two priests, Father A. Volk and Father J. Nienhaus; a teacher, Brother Hilder-bertus; and a mission helper, Miss Edda Jenne.

There have been similar incidents in Rhodesia, where guerrillas have transported hundreds of school children across the border into Borswana. As in the Rhodesian cases, it is impossible to tell whether the children from Ombalantu Mission have left voluntarily or been coerced into doing so.

British crew in air crash 'were doing crossword'

of the British aircraft involved told the court.

were solving crosswords, joking and discussing the stock market as disaster neared.

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surrounding the collision be the collis tween a British Triden and a planes.

Zagreb, April 20.—A Yugo of the aircraft.—AP. slav air controller charged with responsibility for a midair collision that killed 176 people do nothing to save them after told a court today that the crew of the British aircraft involved told the court

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muning.

Zagreb airport controllers on that the two crews were trial, said he was reporting this to explain all the circumstances surrounding the collision between a Price Trial Trial

tween a British Triden and a Yugoslav DC9 near Zagreb last September.

Yesterday Herr Joe Kroese, a Luftbansa pilot who witnessed the collision from the controls of his aircraft, said that pilots depend on air controllers for flying directions and were under no legal obuigation to visually observe the area ahead

Russia sweeps to 5–2 chess win over Britain Strong common of the strong change of the

Moscow, April 20.—The some Soviet Union swept to a 5—2 street of the fifth round of the European team chess finals despite fieros resistance by the young British players.

The highlight of the round was the single by Ametoly Karoova.

was the win by Anatoly Karpovia, the Russian world champion, over Brikain's first boats player, Ray Keene.

Tigran Petrosian and Mikhafi Tal, the former world champion, the former world champion of the former world champion.

Tigran Petrosian and Mikhail and the state of the latest Husting Russian grandmaster, and with the state of the latest Husting of th

and stoppages are planned in nearly 20 others.—Reuter. other on collective bargaining. a basis for reference in the pre-The ILO has long been con-paratory work. prove on that placing, they will need to beat the leaders, Italy, in the final match. The British funiors continue to disappoint, largely by virtue of their inconsistency. Yesterday they were at their best when beating France 19—1 best when beating

a dozen industries are on strike the right to organize, and the

From Our Own Correspondent Olivier Wormser, the former net room. Paris, April 20 governor of the Bank of France, M Poniatowski announced

were at their best when beating France 19-1, but lost 15-5 to

five rounds are:

OPEN SERIES: 1. Italy, 85: 2.
France, 78: 5. Great Britain, 70: 4.
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were at their best when beating France 19—1, but lost 15—5 to The Netherlands after leading at half-time.

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that M Jean-Pierre Soisson, the

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tion has undergone fundamen-

Union leader to be next US envoy in Peking From Our Own Correspondent

Washington, April 20 Mr Leonard Woodcock, retir-

sent a commission there in 1969 ing president of the United Artworkers Union, is to be the next United States representral changes recently, with ILO principles in this field forming ative in Peking, authoritative Washington sources confirmed

> Mr Woodcock's appointment to head the American liaison office in Peking will be announced after his resignation from the union post.
>
> Mr Woodcock, a prominent supporter of Mr Carter during the presidential campaign last year, recently beaded the first official United States delegation to Hanoi and Laos.

Mr Philip Kaiser, a Democrat and banker who has lived in London since serving at the United States Embassy there during the Johnson Adminis-tration, is to be Ambassador to Hungary, the sources said.

Correction

In an article in The Times on April 19 Herbert von Karajan director of the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra, was referred to as a German cirizen.

Doctor gives evidence in Groucho case

From Our Own Correspondent

manager. In a statement in court in Santa Monica, California, yesterday, he set out to rebut accusations that Miss Fleming had abused and mis-treated Mr Marx.

Miss Fleming, he said, pro-vided Mr Marx, who is 86, with emotional stimulation.

Without this he would be con-

Without this he would be con-cerned about Mr Marx's progress. He conceded that progress. He conceded at Miss Fleming often shouted at Mr Marx, but Mr Marx seemed respond favourably. "I to respond favourably. "I think people in show business talk differently than I do", he

hearing called to consider a request by Miss Fleming, who has been with Mr Marx for the past seven years, to be appointed a permanent conser-vator of his estate. The request is opposed by Mr Arthur Marx, the comedian's son, whose lawyers have suggested that his father's life is endan-

New York, April 20

Dr Morley Kert, the doctor who looks after Groucho Marx, the comedian, has spoken up in support of Miss Erin Fleming, Mr Marx's companion and manager. In a statement in court in Santa Monica, California, yesterday, he set out to rebut accusations that Miss One investigators will also private investigators as statement by two private investigators and statement by two private investigators. One investigator said that when this was reported to Miss

evidence was a statement by

Fleming she suggested the material be disposed of. There has been no evidence that the syringes were used for injec-tions for Mr Marx.

gered by the way he is treated. he is still observation one of the main pieces of of current events."

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dead bank and foreign pressure watchful of Arabs and foreign pressure from Eric Marsden lerusalem, April 20. With security increased in cities and on main roads, all this evening began celeled in the since 1948. Independence Day, af the West Bank, are supporters of nationalist Gu movement, which is since 1948. In the fallen in its since 1948. In the fallen in the since seded in Government to When me winim trie rear

From Eric Marsden
Jerusalem, April 20.
With security increased in cities and on main roads, Israel this evening began celebrating Independence Day, after finishing 24 hours of mourning for the fallen in its wars and campaigns since 1948.
Trouble is expected in the period between Independence Day and the tenth anniversary of the 1967 Six Day war in June, especially as the theme of this year's celebration is "the reunification of Jerusapay and the tenth ambours of the 1967 Six-Day war in of the 1967 Six-Day war in June, especially as the theme of this year's celebration is the reunification of Jerusalem", a subject that evokes conflicting emotions in a city of some 230,000 Jews and 100,000 Arabs. Additional troops were on patrol in the walled Old City today.

The regional police commander has denied that preventive arrests bave been carried out to ensure calm, as on previous Independence Days. He indicated that police would rely on reinforced patrols and spot checks on residential areas.

Although tonight's celebrations were a return to gaiety,

tions were a return to gaiety, with street dancing and firetorks in Jewish areas, most Israelis are aware that they usher in a year of more than usher in a year of more than usual importance for the usual importance for the nation's future, a time of political change and probably of introduced in the new government after next month's elections to make control and a substantial and a subst

ressions to the Arabs.

This awareness was reflected in Independence Day messages and Memorial Day speeches. Mr Rabin, who is making his last public appearances as Prime Minister before handing over day-by-day duties on Friday to Mr Shimon Peres, gave the address at the memorial service on Mount Herzl

He said that "with shouts of

He said that "with shouts of happiness filling the land, from Jordan to sea, from Mount Hermon to Ophira (Sharm el Sheikh)", Israelis should remember that independence was not given on a silver platter but was bought by a heavy sacrifice by its young meu.
Its foes and the world should know that Israel had no

other recourse but to continue
to build and defend its
national home.

Mr Peres, speaking last night
at a Tel Aviv ceremony, put
the emphasis on the need for increased Jewish immigration and sertlement. He said: "Extreme watchfulness, political scepticism and military"

QC accepts Soviet

were needed.

Government to its will.

When members of Gush Emunim tried to start a settlement near Nablus early in 1976, they were persuaded to move "temporarily" to an army camp at Kaddoum. This settlement remains officially illegal but attempts to remove it are unlikely now that the principle of no Jewish settlement in Samaria has been abandoned.

Gush Emunim is expected to

Gush Emunim is expected to widen its activities and to attempt to implement its plans for settlements throughout the West Ban.

This would present a dilemma for Mr Peres, who supported the Kaddoum settlement in defiance of Mr Rabin but who as the country's tem-porary leader must also have in mind the continuing Arab unrest over the spread of Jew-

unrest over the spread of lewish settlements and the land expropriation that often accompanies their creation.

The ministerial settlement committee yesterday approved an additional budget of fim for building in Jewish settlements in the occupied areas and gave final authorization to the Gush Emunim plans for Masha. It is understood that the intention is to transform Masha into a civilian urban settlement later.

The site is only about five miles from the old Jordan boundary with Israel and if President Carter's ideas on security safeguards for Israel ever materialize, it would fall within a demilitarized zone.

In Israel proper, the outlook

within a demilitarized zone.

In Israel proper, the outlook
is sombre as the country
enters its thirtieth year. There
is no sign of an end to a threeweek marine officers' strike
which has brought the main
ports of Haifa and Ashdod to a
standstill with repercussions
throughout the economy. The
Government, whose eyes are
on the election, is being criticized for not intervening at a
time when the nation's foreign
debts are almost £6,000m.

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More industrial disputes are brewing since a decision to increase the pay of public service workers. Economists have accused ministers of disguising the seriousness of the financial crisis by printing extra money. Other problems include the continued trend to emigration were needed.

The determination to press the seriousness of the financial crisis by printing extra money.

Like the occupied areas was given concrete expression yesterday with confirmation that a group while overseas immigration and investment are drying up.

Assad visit helps heal rift between Russia and Syria Frida Deliver Bridge Search Search Straight to independe

ir pr From Edmund Stevens Moscow, April 20

A reconciliation between - : pass Syria and Russia has begun in more Moscow with the state visit of the series President Assad of Syria. It ends nearly a year of estrangement caused by Syria's intervention in the Lebanese civil

Soviet party leader, embraced "Comrade" Assad at Moscow

Las from the Americans.

Carefully harmonizing his approach to President Assad's

preference for moderation, Mr Brezhnev has been emphasizing the need for a peaceful solu-destroyed. President Assad destroyed by the need for a peaceful solu-destroyed. President Assad avoided the sore subject of while supporting the Pales-tinians, he also affirmed camps

Israel's night to independence and a secure existence.

Earlier this month, in an article timed to coincide with the arrival of Mr Yassir Ara-fat, the Palestine Liberation President Assad of Syria. It ends nearly a year of estrangement caused by Syria's intervention in the Lebanese civil war.

Mr Leonid Brezhnev, the Soviet party leader, embraced "Comrade " Assad at Moscow the party leader, embraced "injans, and denounced "all airport and showed he was prepared to let bygones be bygones. The nearest Mr Brezhnev came to a veiled in prevolution." There was no

pared to let bygones be bygones. The nearest Mr Brezhnev came to a veiled reproach was at the Kremlin banquet for President Assad when he said: "There are sometimes riggags in the policies of certain Arab states."

Mr Brezhnev hopes to enlist Syrian support for Soviet moves to reconvene the Geneva solely by humanitarian motives peace conference and recover the initiative in the Middle the bloodshed and rescuing Lebanon from its own destruc-Lebanon from its own destruc-

He also claimed to have saved the Palestinian resistance movement from being

Remodelled Army planned for Lebanon

From Robert Fisk
Beirut, April 20
President Sarkis seems certain to send regrouped contingents of the Lebanese Army into south Lebanon now that Presidem Assad, of Syria, is reported to have agreed to the formation of a 50,000 strong force to replace the Army which disintegrated during the Lebanese civil war.

The Syrian newspaper Al Shark reported in Damascus today that the new army would eventually take over all the duties of the predominantly Syrian Arab League peacekeeping force in Lebanon. President Sarkis would soon issue a decree that would form the constitutional basis for future army action, it said.

Diplomatic sources in Beirut believe the first contingents of the new force will be sent, within nine or 10 days, to south Lebanon to police the strip of border territory adjacent to Israel, in which Lebanese Christian militiamen and Palestinian guerrillas have been fighting intermittently for more than four months.

The Lebanese Government has made no secret of its inability to stop the fighting in the south. Syria's tentarive attempt to send its own military forces into the area as part of the Arab League casefire army met with so much political opposition from Israel that the few Syrian troops stationed within 15 miles of the Israel border were pulled back to the central mountains.

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President Sarkis, however, is known to be anxious to extend Lebanese Government control over the south and Israel could hardly raise objections if Lebanese troops were seen patrolling Lebanese villages.

During the war, a second-lieutenant commanded the Muslim wing of the Lebanese Army; the soldiers who supported the Christian Maronite cause rallied to defend rightwing positions under General Hanna Said, the Army's officially appointed commander inchief.

There were protest strikes in east Beirut, the Christian half of the capital, when General Said was relieved of his command two weeks ago and dis-patched to the less political ranks of the diplomatic corps. ranks of the diplomatic corps.

His successor, a cavalry officer who saved many of the horses from the Lebanese Army's riding school during the civil war, is Brigadier-General Victor Khoury, who is trusted by many of the Muslim troops. According to government spokesmen, he played no active part in the conflict that destroyed the Army.

destroyed the Army.

The authorities in Beirut have carried out a secret survey of the Army's religious affiliatious so that they can deploy Christian troops in Christian areas and Muslim soldiers in Muslim areas in the initial stages of military reconstruction.

This means that Christian soldiers would be sent to south Lebanon's border with Israel. The ultimate aim, of course, is to integrate both religious groups and to ensure that the country's Army is non-sectar-

Mr Fuad Boutros, the Lebanese Foreign Minister, has already discussed the Army's prospective role with President Assad, who in turn passed on his own views to Mr Pierre Gemayel, the Christian Phalan-gist leader who commands, nominally, some of the Lebanese militiamen fighting the Palestinians in the south.

99.1 pc vote for Sudan President

Khartum, April 20.—President Numerry of Sudan has been reclected head of state been recreated head of state for a second six-year term, receiving 99.1 per cent of the votes cast, it was aurounced officially today.

He was unopposed in the election, which began on April 3 and will be sworn in again on May 24.—Reuter.

Public service: Civil servants in Laos have to devote their Saturdays to an irrigation project after spending the week in their offices in Vientiane.

Two hanged in Cairo for bomb attack

Cairo, April 20. - Two Egyptians were hanged today for planting a bomb that killed eight people and injured 68 others on a packed holiday train last summer.

The two had confessed to being members of a terrorist group paid by Colonel Gaddafi, the Libyan leader, to carry out bomb etracks throughout the country. Libya denied the allegations.

The bangings were the second and third in Egypt in the past 24 hours. A 27-year-old Palestinian was hanged yesterday for attempting to assassinate a former South Yemen Prime Minister now living in Cairo—AP.

Philippines Muslim group rejects referendum

Manila, April 20.—The Moro ment and were not in accord-National Liberation Front ance with the Gaddafi-Marcos (MNLF) today formally reject agreement. ted a government-sponsored referendum in the south-western Philippines last Sunday in which preliminary results show a trend against autonomy for

he region.

The Elections Commission,

"We have rejected the refer the Government agency which the region. endum because it contradicted the letter and spirit of the Tripoli agreement and was not has said it expects to anno in conformity with the Gaddafia final result on Saturday. Marcos agreement, Dr Abdur The commission said to ahman Amin, the MNLF's political spokesman, said in reply to a reporter's question.

The MNLF had previously referendem on the grounds that the 3,800,000 registered voters the questions contained in it apparently had voted.—Reuter were weighted against the move-

held hostage in El Salvador San Salvador, April 20.-

Marxist urban guerrillas have kidnapped Senor Mauricio Bor-Dr Amin was speaking after gonovo Pohl, El Salvador's Foreign Minister, and are threatening to kill him unless arriving at Manila airport from Tripoli as a member of an Islamic mission to resume talks on settling the rebellion. the Government releases 37 of their comrades who have been

iailed. The guerrillas, who claim to be members of a group called the Popular Liberation Forces, supervised the vote in 13 southern Philippines provinces, has said it expects to announce kidnapped the 40-year-old minis-The commission said today that, based on partial, unofficial returns, more than 95 per cent of the votes rejected

Foreign minister

Prisoners are put on show at Zaire rally

Kinshasa, April 20.—President Mobutu of Zaire today presented the first two prisoners captured in anti-insurgency fighting in Shaba province to a mass rally here. The bandaged captives were exposed to the hatred of 60,000 chanting

"Death to them, death to them", one young Zalrean cried as the prisoners, wounded in the head and neck, stood in a football stadium, 10 yards from President Mobutu

The prisoners were taken in a counter-offensive by Government troops supported by pygmy bowmen who are advancing slowly against Karangese rebels from the copper-mining fown of Kolwezi in an attempt to recapture the town of Mutshatsha.

town of Mutshatsha.

The rally appeared to be the most enthusiastic of the three President Mobutu has organized since the start of the invasion. The dramatic appearance of the prisoners, had not been officially announced beforehand.

A soldier carrying an Israelimade Uzi assault rifle stood next to the prisoners, ensuring

made 021 assault fille stood next to the prisoners, ensuring that they did not lean on the podium railing. One prisoner appeared to be middle-aged, the other in his teens. Both were driven into the stadium in an open vehicle to the boos of the crowd. Heavily armed soldiers and

police, carrying tear gas, grenades and rifles, stood guard as President Mobutu condemned alleged Soviet involvement in the six-week Shaba fighting.
The Soviet Union, Cuba and

Angola have demed Zairean allegations of involvement, but President Mobutu said: "They are liars." In latest official accounts of the fighting Covernment

the fighting, Government forces are said to have almost encircled Mutshatsha, the fall of which would be a big psy-chological victory for the Gov-ernment's troops, who are receiving support from 1,500

ter as he left home in his car for his office.

El Saivador is under a state of siege imposed during rioting after presidential elections two months ago. The guerrilles are demanding that the 37 prisoners should be given safe conduct out of the country.—Reuter.

receiving support from 1,500 Moroccan allies.

The invaders in the south are said to be members of the Katangan gendarmes which supported the secession of Shaba, then called Katanga, for three years in the early 1960s and later fled to Angola and other parts of Zaire.—Reuter.

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American news agencies deny bias

Press general executive, said:

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we are not out to distort or
belittle developing countries. The allegation was an insult to Latin American editors, he

radded.
Mr Julius Humi, vice-president of United Press Inter-national, rejected accusations of distorted reporting. "We are not doing so badly as the Unesco document accuses us", he said, twelve of the UPI's 18 Latin American bureaux were expression was a result of the run by Latin Americans and more than half of UPI reports going to Larin America were their own interests.
from the region itself.

Dr Sole said news

and developing countries was closer cooperation between multiple national and global news agen. agencies, cies, he said.

Florence, April 20.—The two American news agencies, Associated Press and United Press International, have rejected accusations of systematic distortion of news sent to Latin America.

The accusations came in a paper prepared by Unesco for an international conference here yesterday on the flow of ing and developed countries.

The paper quoted unnamed researchers as saying the constrol of news flow into Latin America was "dominated by United States wire services that systematically distort, through selection and manipulation, the image of the world lation, the image of the world Press general executive, said:

Press general executive, said:

Fig. 20.—The two delegates from some 30 countries has shown a division between journalists from the Sovier block and developting countries, led by Tunisia, Algeria and Libya, who said news media should serve state interests, and others from the United States, Japan, West Europe, Iran and Australia, who said the press should be free from government control.

Senor German Ornes, editor of the newspaper El Caribe, in the Dominican Republic, said as a subscriber he had not found the American agencies responsible for deliberate distortion.

"Most Latin America governments are not only adversaries but evemies of the press", he said. As chairman of today's main session, Senor Ornes criticized the "govern-

ernments are not only adversaries but evemies of the press", he said. As chairman of today's main session, Senor Ornes criticized the "governmental oratory" of speakers at the opening

the opening.

Dr Louis Alberto Sole, of Uruguay, director-general of the Inter-American Association of Broadcasters, said civilization could not progress "if we
only manage to increase the
circulation of news prepared
by non-democratic governments
with no respect for human
rights". Lack of freedom of
expression was a result of the
desire of governments to concred public oninion to further

from the region itself.

He made a distinction between news and propaganda.

One way of closing the information gap between developed and developing courtains.

The made a distinction between news and propaganda.

He urged Unesco to act in accordance with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and developing courtains. and promote the existence of multiple international news free from government influence.

Mr Amir Taheri, editor-in-chief of the Iranian newspaper Kayhan, said some Third World countries did not allow in foreign journalists and even kept their population figures secret. "We must realize that, in some countries, governments do not want to inform their own people, let alone others"

"We should not allow coun tries to propagate the idea that there is nothing wrong with them and to blame everything on the foreign press."

Mr Hamid Barreda, a Moroccan working for the weekly Jeune Afrique, said a genuine journalist was moved by the desire to tell the truth. "Some Third World coun tries revolt against the alleged domination of the Western mass media because they do not want to publish reports of torture or repression by Amnesty International", Mr

Barrada said. "I do not think we should point an accusing finger at our colleagues from the Western

press."
Mr Mustapha Dabaj, of the Arab Revolution News Agency of Libya, said the Third World's true voice did not reach developed countries and a new information system must

be created.
"For a long time the Third
World has paid dearly for the
economic and industrial confrontation between developing and developed countries", he said. The quality of informa-tion from Western media was poor and had not contributed development

Publicity seekers must take rough with the smooth

Hutchins and Others Before Lord Denming, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Lawton and Lord Justice

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Brittan and Mr C. J. Summer raised the question of belancing for the plaintiffs.

The MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that in 1970 a group of pop stars, called The Family, employed Mr Hutchins as press agent and consultant at a considerable salary. One of Peter had stressed the fact this functions was to see that that he was asking the court they had publicity and that to view the appeal on the basis their activities were made interesting to the public at breach of confidentiality. There might well have been persons the press were most important to them.

the press were most important to them.

The group had got him to sign what was said to be a contract to keep some matters statement or give any interview or pass any information to any or pass any information to any third party, whether for reward or otherwise, touching or concerning either my employment with the company or touching or concerning any principal "during his employment that in so far as damages were the fact in so far as damages were the statement of the statement

or concerning any principal The defendants had indicated or at any time afterwards.

When asked to sign the had a place of little there would be a place of little there. When asked to sign the document Mr Hutchins said that he did sign it because he was told that he could not continue in his employment unless he did so. But afterwards, he said he took the matter up again with the representative of MAM and they agreed to release him from that obligation. When the letter was handed back to him he tore it up and the managing director of MAM kept the pieces of paper. So he said he was no longer bound by that particular stipulation. His comract of employment had come to an end quite amicably a little while ago; and recently Mr Hutchins approached the Daily Mirror and had given them stories, no doubt for a considerable which had been disclosed to the was been made worse by the number of the fact that the offence had been disclosed to the was been made worse by the number of the fact that the offence had been disclosed to the washing had revealed what he knew about the plaintiffs. His

been made worse by the chromstances in which Mr Huchias had revealed what he knew about the plaintiffs. His Lordship found it impossible

no doubt for a considerable reward, said to be secrets which had been disclosed to the public about the lives of Mr Tom Jones and the various members of the group.

The first article. in last Saturday's Daily Mirror, was headed "Why Mirs Tom Jones threw ber jewellery from a car window . . . and Tom got high in a jumbo jet." A good deal of publicity had been given to that at the time. On Monday the newspager came to extricate the libel aspects from the confidentiality aspects in the present case and would allow the appeal.

LORD JUSTICE BRIDGE, concurring, said that it seemed to him that those who sought and welcomed problicity of and welcomed publicity of every kind bearing on their private lives so long as it showed them in the best light

deal of publicity had been given to that at the time. On Monday the newspaper came out with "Tom Jones and Marji. The Truth! Starts today; the most explosive show business story of the decade. The Family, by Chris Hutchins, the man on the inside". This morning there appeared on the front page "Tom Jones Superstud" and "Starting secrets of The Family".

Tom Jones and the other group members — some of whom were touring the United States—had applied urgently to the court for an injunction to restrain the further publication of the series. The causes of action were said to be libel, breach of confidential information.

On the libel action, the Daily Mirror and Mr Hutchins indicated that they proposed to justify all that had been written, on the ground that it was true. Therefore it was clear that no injunction would be granted to restrain a publication of a libel, for on all the authorities the public interest in knowing the truth outweighed the itnerest of the outweighed the outperformed the outperformed the ou

interest in knowing the truth as half the series had been outweighed the interest of the published. plaintiff who said that he was being Hbeled.

appeared to have granted the

injunction, which was in very wide terms. No doubt in some

employments there was ar obligation of confidence clearly

present such that if a former servant disclosed confidential

information obtained in the course of his employment, the

court would quite properly restrain bim. But the present case was different; there was

no doubt whatever that the pop group sought publicity which would create a favour-

able image among those who supported their performances

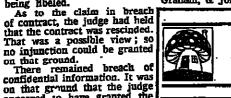
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gaged to produce or help produce that favourable image

to the public.

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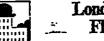
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1. Receiving and considering the accounts, the balance sheet and reports of the Board and the auditors for the year ended 31st December, 1976;

2. Receiving the declaration of

Electing an Anditor in lieu of D. J. Russell, B.Ec., F.C.A. who retires in terms of By-law 58 and is eligible for re-election:

election;
4. Transacting any other business that may be brought before the Meeting in accordance with the Society's By-laws.

Head Office: Sydney Cova, New South Wales.

13th April. 1977
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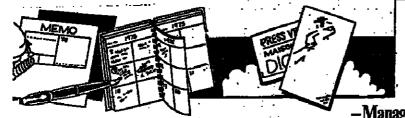
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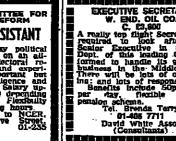
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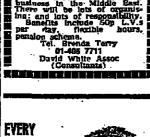


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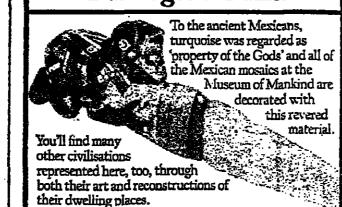
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veloped, and the final result are strident, the effect is so
was a national competition, very
ably organized by Eastern Arts.
The selected entries (57 from overall organization) may be a
over 1,400) may be seen at the
contributing factor: like oil over 1,400) may be seen at the Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge, until May 1, after which the exhibition will go to Ipswich, Sheffield and London.

This is a model of cooperative patronage. Felly Cobbold, Eastern Arts and the Arts Council put up the money; there are seven prizes of equal value; Eastern Arts, Tolly Cobbold, and two of the latter's European wine suppliers have all bought works from the ex-hibition. Entries had to be no larger than 16 square feet, and a variety of media were encouraged. The selection panel was made up of three artists— Michael Craig Martin, John Golding and Howard Hodgkin and Alistair Hunter, honorary Keeper at the Fitzwilliam. So far, so good. But what of the exhibition itself?

The motivation, the initial engendering spark, let us remem-ber, was Constable and the English landscape. Constable's

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The intricate paper collage of Leyburn Market Day (Winifield Children) fred Shirley) and knitted Farmuard (Lin Cheetham) are both charming, and not much more, while some of the realist

sary. paintings are almost cavalier towards their subjects. David Redfern's A Different World to Harrods may perhaps be used as an illustration of the latter. It shows a red London suburban bus displaying the Harrods "Enter a different while inside the vehicle citizens, who are unlikely to be able to afford to follow the copywriter's command, travel towards Lewisham. One of these passengers is a black boy wearing a knitted hat banded with the Rastafarian

Nevertheless I very much hope that, as is provisionally planned, the Tolly Cobbold/ Eastern Arts exhibition be-comes a biennial event. The existence of such open exhibitions is extremely valuable. It may be that I would have found the 1.300 or so rejected entries largely dispiriting, but I am prompted to believe that a parallel Salon des Refusés just might have been instructive.

Paddy Kitchen

design than in more intractable material; a feeling repeated frequently throughout the exhibition. In order to receive something

from most of the works, the non-specialist viewer has to contribute so much from his own imagination. The juxtaposition of various styles, and the dominant dark brown hessian walls, make it difficult to summon up the necessary quasi-religious mood (supposing one has such moods) to tune in to some of the more peaceful abstracts, while objects such as Dave Mortis's framed latex, Inflate, Deflate, Cuboid Format, and Barry Flanagan's overlapping bits of bessian, Eight Storms Five Days, don't even seem extraneous—just unneces-

I am not at all surprised that holography and ancient trea-sures draw long museum queues, while at the same time so much modern art is sparsely viewed. I think holography is overrated, and find the general enthusiasm for technological novelty sad, but feel that the content of a great deal of con-temporary art drives audiences elsewhere not because those audiences are thick, but because they are reasonably sentient beings.

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Faust Covent Garden

red, yellow and green. That bright band, and the carefully-

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Probably that was intentional and indeed is a perfectly valid

comment. But the effect is also to suggest that the artist

finds greater joy in a smooth

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slogan world ",

William Mann

The Midland Bank Proms at the Royal Opera House ended on Tuesday with prolonged and fervent applause for the current revival of Gounod's Faust which will continue in non-prommable form (seats in the orchestra stalls costing up to £12.50 instead of 50p which meant standing in line and then a seat on the floor, instead of a plush chair). The atmosphere at these Opera Proms is exciting, instantly responsive. Fine singing was generously received, comedy appreciated with laughter, even for verbal jokes in French as well as for literary or dramatic absurdities, not absent from this great museumpiece of 1859.

This Faust was excellently sung, by Mirella Freni, a touching and radiant Marguerite, only incredible when she daubs her own clothes with Satan's golden baubles, a daft moment in John Copley's production. Then also by the new Faust, Alfredo Kraus, a poor actor, who looks like a misplaced junior bankclerk but sings with infinite ease (even in the top C of 'Salut, demeure") and excellent French style, though not in his pronunciation of vowels. often far astray like those of his colleagues. Nicolai Ghiaurov's healthily

'Hayward Annual' exhibitions

The Hayward Annual, 1977, from May 25 to September 4 is the first in an annual series of contemporary British exhibitions. Each exhibition will be selected by a small group of artists and/or critics

evil Mephisto contrives to suggest vileness, as well as conwhich half bedevils this Copley production. It begins like a loving pastiche of opera at the time of Gounod's Faust, with realistic sees and warm lighting, only to switch later to a more gallant style, unacceptable because inconsistent. Mr Ghiau-rov plays his part gamely, often intelligently, with wit and

His performance in Copley's production seems much less pointed or appreciated than in the mid-nineteenth-century-set recent Paris production, when his acid diabolism was given full play. Ghiaurov is a realistic actor who switches off when faced with the antique camp of latterday Mephistos. He sings his music superbly. In this revival Faust is some-

what abbreviated (no Brocken scene at all), but generally well sung and played under Peter Mang who lacks only a full appreciation of French attack and rhythmic subtlety. The subsidiary roles are carefully cast: Thomas Allen's Valentin stands out for splendid, heroic singing and honest acting, a performance of strong distinction.

Ann Murray made a boyish Siebel, clear and true of voice, delightful in "Faites-lui mes aveux", touching in Valentin's death. Anne Wilkens's jolly, eager Marthe contributed powerfully and delicately. The choral singing sounded noisy but lustreless by Covent Garden standards.

ertists Howard Hodgkin and William Turnbull, and by Michael Compton of the Tate

Gallery. The intention of the Hayward Annuals will be to present a cumulative picture of British art as it develops. Selectors have been asked to bear this in mind as an overall aim but to group of artists and/or critics thoose work on the basis of working together. This year's their judgment of the quality of show has been chosen by the Fat Harold

Shaw

Irving Wardle

With the expectation of meetong a new Northern writer, lately resident playwright at the Liverpool Playhouse, it comes as a bit of a shock to find Alan Bleasdale's bus depot radiating gloom. There is no drama set in Southampton, and sense of an impotent superior staged by that city's Nuffield Theatre in a version that com-bines slack timing and garbled dialects with the failure to cast

a fat actor in the title part.
As it emerges through Sue Wilson's ramabackie production, Fat Harold is the tale of an old bus driver who turned som when his marriage collapsed and exchanged the convival life at the wheel for collapsed and exchanged the convivial life at the wheel for a crabby existence at the depot. AE this comes out on a fogbound January night when to base and finds he bas a mutiny on his hands.

A End of the delease great the collection of clumsy, gossipy exposition; invites easy laughs by a converting the culcivest thinking

order with a respherry over the radio and sets off cross country of the radio and sets off cross country in deliver a load of pensioners monotony by keeping all four characters on stage for most of Another, whom Harold has accused of petty fiddling, seizes on the chance for a vendetra which reaches its climax with small town, he announces the removal of Harold's indiciously, "in Wales."

Some drama might be extrac-ted from the duel if the oppo-nent started off as a checkly harmless youth being victimized by an officious bully. On the Shaw stage, the outcome is a foregone conclusion, as Kevin Lloyd's rebel is an obvious killer and Rex Robinson's Harold an inoffensive old party,

erousers and brings his marital

disqualifications to light

taking it out on a cockily virile underling.
But even in a better production, the piece would leave behind a string of unanswered questious. How does Uncle, the depot's idiot boy, suddenly acquire the fluency to try a radio hoax? Why should the depot's most reliable driver go berserk? Why does it take the fatherly Bignall all ment to die

One of the drivers greets the pairing the quickest-thinking reder with a respherity over the with the slowest member of the

tempestuous turns of the woman's life that he is seen to

enjoy her pleasures and suffer from her frustrations and pains, from anti-climactic love-making

Despite the pivotal role the woman plays in Harold's life, he never goes so far as to speak to her. Robert Williams's play

confines the conversations to monologues with the plants; ir is they wan receive the reports on Carol, his reminiscences of

his dear, dead mother.

Even without the programme notes, which suggest that the play is conjecture based on newspaper reports of the separate deaths of two people at the same address, it might have been possible to guess that the author was trying to explain a mystery. To the extent that it works, it is Bob Hoskias's performance that sustains the idea. He is meticalous and convinc-

He is meticulous and convincing gentle in his use of comedy. believable in pursuit of his

through, partly because the length of slightly over an hour becomes wearing with so much of the attention devoted to

domestic detail. But there is a

sense of understanding that nearly compensates, and a re-freshing lack of sensationalism.

No sense of tragedy comes

his dear, dead mother.

to internal baemorrhage.

The Bystander Soho Poly

Ned Chaillet

Linda, the spider plant, and David, the rubber plant, are apparently Harold Grant's only companions. At least, they are the only other characters to appear in *The Bystander*, and they take up a large portion of Harold's careful budger with such extravagances as "the best rubber-plant polish on the marrubber-plant polish on the mar-ket", treats of protein-rich plant foods and copper pots for special occasions.
In the room next door, how-

ever, lives Carol. By peeling up the wallpaper and peering through a chink in the wall, he can see everything she does, from love-making to cooking and when she prepares to have company, Harold vicariously joins her and her guest, doning a suit-jacket and preparing a meal, reporting on her romantic progress to his two plants.

Needing the woman's distant company even more than his job, he stops going to work in the daytime when, after a disastrous row with her lover, Carol begins staying home and moping. So sympathetic is Harold's identification with the

Béjart Ballet -

Coliseum John Percival

Sandwiched between the angry fervour of The Firebird and the rapt devotion of What Love the rapt devotion of What Love tells me, Tuesday's programme by the Ballet of the 20th Century offered the London premières of two agreeably contrasting lighter works. One of them, Rhapsodie, is by Micha van Hoecke, who was Béjart's collaborator in the interjudes of The Triumphs of Petrarch and will be remembered also as a dancer in former seasons. notably as the leader of the anti-classical camp in Choreographic Offering.

Using two movements, the Habanera and Feria, from Ravel's Rhapsodie Espagnole, he has made a humorous little display piece for two dancers, in which the classical bravura is flavoured by jazzy arm move-ments, an athletic swagger and, naturally, a touch of Spanish dance too. It does not aim at providing more than a tasty bonne-bouche and, thanks to high-spirited performances by Maguy Marin and Jan Nuyts, achieves exactly that.

Béjart's Ah! Vous dirai-je
Manum? is set to Mozart's
delightful set of piano variations on the nursery tune,

played on stage by Claire Paulet dressed to look like Grandma in the famous cartoon family by Giles. There are three dancers, dressed in pretty pink runics like ballet students, for whom the choreography provides a sequence of solos and ensembles which parallel the music in the way they play with a simple basic pattern. The fun comes from the

contrast between the elegance of the steps and the gestures or glances with which they are performed. Except or one point when the dancers mark out the movements with their hands only, the steps are all beautirent of rebelliousness and competition colours the execution

of ports de bras. Rita Poelvoorde is the ring-leader, with Michèle Mottet and Lynn Glauber on Tuesday as her colleagues. The sparkle and charm of their performences, together with the calm clarity of Shonach Mirk as the last courant in the Mader ballet, underlines what because to be apparent in Petrarch last week, that the young women of Bejarr's company are beginning to be the march of his

men. that, although not advertised to do so, Bejart will appear tomorrow night only in the season's final offering, Our

LPO/Furst Festival Hall

Max Harrison Perhaps we are rather hard on

Saint-Saeus. His thinking is never deep, yet in both matter and manner works such as the Cello Concerto No 1 have charm and spirit, and are rarely pretentious. On Tuesday, Paul Tortelier played the piece with his usual volatile combination of bounding energy and intense sensitivity, an equation whose balance shifts restlessly yet always to real purpose.

Janos Furst, conducting the London Philharmonic, brought out the concerto's unashamed operatic overtones and reminded us of the great, though rarely innovators, skill of Saint-Saens's fairly elaborate orchestral writing. This music, indeed, is always personal, even if in a fairly restricted way, and although one might have expected Mr Torteller to drive it too hard, :: was a happily balanced performance.

His account of Strauss's Don out in the finale.

Quixote (composed in 1898, just 25 years after the Saint-Saens) is more than that, and it has been a rare pleasure to observe this classic interpretation take on increasing subtlety over the years. Bur much obviously depends on the conductor, and Mr Furst showed a real dramatic grasp of each of Strauss's variations, which is m say each of the Don's advertures.

The whole was touching often witty, and there were many highlights. Among those were the unemphatic loftiness of the chivalry section, and the regretful sadness of the last variation. As the viola solois, John Chambers was never too reticent a Sancho Panza, and there was orbital. there was other distinguished playing from the first violin, cooe, bass clarinet, and ruba. Like many another before him, young Mr Furst was more adept with the sophistications of Saint-Suens and Strauss than

with Beethoven. In fact Symphony No 2 had a jog-trot of should one say pedestrian reading except that some of the music's elemental force broke

Janacek will be staged in col-

Welsh National Opera

to be added to the Welsh National Opera repertory in 1978. A Midsummer Night's Dream, produced by Ian Watt Smith, with Sir Geraint Evans returning to the company as March. Bottom, will be introduced at Mold's Theatr Clwyd in January, and Peter Grimes produced by Michael Geliot and with John Mitchinson in the title role, will be given at Car-diff New Theatre in March. A third Britten production, Billy Budd, which the company formerly took to Europe, will be revived later this year.

laboration with Scottish Opera-Two more Britten operas are A start has already been made with Jenufa, and The Makropulos Case with Elizabeth
Söderström is scheduled for
late 1978. Elektra, the coproduction with Netherlands
Opera, comes to Cardiff next The new subscription scheme

for the Cardiff seasons was announced yesterday. Starting in September, the company will give four seasons, each of two weeks, in Cardiff each year. and subscriptions spread over these periods will give audiences savings of up to 30 per cent. Six new productions, the ormerly took to Europe, will most the company has ever staged in one year, will be The six major operas of given in the 1977-78 season.

Some of the notices on this page are reprinted from yesterday's later editions.

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Football

Liverpool show their mastery against defeatist opponents

By Norman Fox

Zurich 0 On May 25 in Rome Liverpool will attempt to fulfil their 13-yearold ambition by becoming only the third British club to win the European Cup. They will meet Borussia Mönchen Gladbach in the final. Despite continuous involve-ment in the three European competitions over such a long period, they have never before reached the most senior final, but lest night by competently dismissing a weak and defeatist Zurich team in the second leg of the semi-final round at Antield they won the opportunity to crown more than a decade of remarkable consistency. The aggregate score was 6-1 and though Liverpool had played many more difficult Euronean matches, none was so memorably important.

The first leg in Switzerland had prepared their way to the final, and last night's formal completion and last night's formal completion of the last groundwork was done without too much unnecessary effort being wasted in a week that ends with another important game on Saturday, their FA Cup semifinal against Everton. By comparison with previous European occasions at Anfield, it was an almost anonymous affair, deprived of real interest by Liverpool's undisputed superiority.

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Zmich, allegedly strengthened by the return of their Sicilian forward, Cucinotta, who missed the first leg through suspension, failed to prove the point. They were no more impressive than in Switzerland a fortnight before and it was Liverpool's understandably casual

For half an hour, the Swiss champions survived their own champions survived their own mistakes as the pressure slowly built up against their uncertain defence. Occasionally they broke away, always to be stopped well before the penalty area. They had only one hope, which was to score early, but Cacinotta, Botteron, and Risi found the gaps quickly closed in front of them. Helghway again nulled their defenders wide, as he n from or mem. negaway again pulled their defenders wide, as he had in most of Liverpool's European games this season, and this allowed Keegan plenty of room in the middle of the attack. His fine volley from Smith's glauced header across the penalty area, deflected away by Grob in the Zurich goal, was the best of several chances that came in the first half an

The crowd of over 50,000 settled back patiently prepared to accept a largely lifeless game in the cause of progress towards a special goal. Zurich's ambition soon withered, and after 33 minutes they bungled a clearance that gave Liverpool an unassailable 4—1 aggregate lead. Grob threw the ball vaguely in Chapusat's direction but the surprised defender was unaware of both the clearance and impending danger as Case closed in. Grob tried to narrow the angle as an

Zurich obviously had a numbing sense of inferiority, and one must say that they were so out of their depth that they trembled like prisoners in their own half, con-tributing virtually nothing and,



Case (No 8) scores the first of Liverpool's three goals.

Clemence that was intended for Smith fell in the path of Cucinotta, the shot merely trapped itself in the side-nerting.

The second half brought tangible evidence of Liverpool's mastery. A superb second goal from Case also brought the Kop to life. Kennedy made to take a free kick some 10 yards out from the penalty area, but stepped aside and Case followed up to pound an astonishingly powerful drive past transfixed defenders and a demoralized goalkeeper.

When Highway, who had struggled against a leg injury from the early minutes of the game, finally left the field, Waddle substituted, bringing useful height to the attack. The advantage was well used when, four minutes after the second goal, Kennedy dropped a long drifting centre into the penalty area. Waddle strongly won the ball in the air and headed against the bar. Keegan saw his chance and headed in the rebound. But Zurich's sadly inferior performance was even more embarras-

singly emphasized in the last moments when Cuchnotta sent Risi away with only Clemence ahead of him. Clemence felt no generosity and carried out a calculated sliding tackle and at the end the Kop refused to go home.

home.

LIVERPOOL: R. Clemence: P. Neal,
J. Jones, T. Smith. R. Kennedy. E.
Hughes. R. Keegan, J. Case. S.
Heighway (sub. A. Waddie). D. Johnson, T. McDermott.
ZURICH: R. Zugering. P. Chaptishi.
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Referee: S. Gonelja (Italy).

of failure burn him, too

be leaving the club at the end of the season. The news was announced after last minute attempts, by the Albion chairman, ert Millichip, to change Giles's mind. Giles will continue playing until the end of the season and Albion will not be advertising for a replacement until then.

Giles, who resigned during the close season, but was persuaded to stay, has had a highly successful two years at the Hawthorns. gaining the club promotion in his first season, and then guiding them to a possible place in European competition this season. The draw with Coventry City on Tuesday put Albion among the

Giles said: "I make it clear that I am not leaving in search of a higher income or because of any disagreement with any indi-vidual at the club. Football, and more so management, are pre-carious positions. There is so much fear in the game that it

spreads like the plague. "The fear in the board room is ommunicated to the manager, the manager's tensions are transmitted to the players, the players become inhibited and scared, and perhaps, the total accumulation of those frustrations overspill to

subject to rescrutiny

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the flames that have devoured many more skilled, dedicated and deserving than me. There is no way that I am going to be so burned. I frequently wonder why the Government, which cares so much for the well-being of each and every member of society, does not make it compulsory to priot a health warning on a manager's contract, so high is the mortality rate."

"Under the present pattern te manager's fate is inevitable, me manager's fate is inevitable, and his success, if any, is but fleeting. To attract me to management in the future would need a change of direction. It is only when power, responsibility, and accountability are correctly harnessed that improvements will be seen."

It is these three qualities that Giles says he has gained inner satisfaction from while in charge of the Republic of Ireland team. Although he would not outline his future plans he said: "Whatever happens I have a definite commitment to contribute more to the game in Ireland, for the seeds I have sown are now being harvested. I know that the game in rested. I know that the game in general, and Albion in particular, can survive without me, whether I can survive without day to day involvement in the game remains

to be seen?" In a statement issued later, Mr Millichip described it as a "very sad day". He added: "Every ettott #5 I will inevitably be consumed in his future was with our club.

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Giles resigns before flames | Docherty gives his men a warning

final training headquarters at Blackpool yesterday with a warning to his players. "When you have beaten Leeds on Saturday, you play for your place in the final at Wennbey", he said. His warning came after the lack of effort against Queen's Park Rangers in London on Tuesday night, when Rangers scored four goals, had another disallowed, and two more headed off the line.

United's only chance came two minutes from the end with a 25-yard shot at goal that was pushed on to the bar. Mr Docherty said: "They didn't want to get involved because of the semi-final, and I don't really blame them. There is

than a final, but we still need points to make sure of a place in Europe, so from now on they play or they don't get selected."

The Line of the place of the pla The United manager expects his opponents at Wembley to be Liverpool. "I don't mind that because they are certainties to win the league, so whatever happens it means we will get into Europe, and I don't mind playing in the Cup Winners' Cup", he said.

Mr Docherty expects a rough game with Leeds United at Hillsborough on Saturday. "Every team suddenly lift themselves against us and all the injured players are suddenly fit on the day that we appear. It's a compliment to us really." All the Manchester United casualties will be fit, including the captain, Buchen, and Hill, who

missed Tusday night's game, and Brian Greenhoff, who was substituted at half-time. "Fil have a squad of about 18 players and I will select the team some time on Friday", Mr Docherty said.

Leeds United's Scottish inter-national striker, Joe Jordan, did only light training yesterday. Jor-dan has been under treatment for a calf injury sustained against Ipswich Town, but Mr Armfield, the Leeds manager said the injury

Ipswich Town, but Mr Armfield, the Leeds manager, said the injury was a little easier.

Hampton and Eddie Gray, who have also been under treatment for leg injuries, started full training yesterday, as did Harvey, the Scottish goalkeeper, who has been out with a shoulder injury. But Mr Armfield said Harvey was not under consideration for Saturday's match.

safe in tangled web

By Gerald Richmond

A game which both sides needed to win and neither could afford to lose was left drawn after two penalty goals. The point was pre-haps of more value to West Ham United in that they were away from home and had been pressed back for most of the game, but so tangled is the situation at the foot of the table that few in the bottom half can feel safe. In times of toil, the currency of points is of more value than the way they are gained and West Ham could congratulate themselves on a fortunate escape. Not that Derby County played particularly well, for the match was shot through tension and anxiety.

by tension and anxiety.

It is sobering to think that, at the start of 1975-76 these teams met at Wembley for the FA Charity Shield: That last season, Derby were chasing both League and FA Cup until the last lap, and West Ham were European Cup Winners' Cup finalists. It takes a long time to build a team, only a matter of months to fall apart as have these decaying aristocrats.

Derby opened with a flourish

ing aristocrats.

Derby opened with a flourish, James beat Bonds at will and the West Ham defence coming under heavy pressure. Day beat out a shot from Hector and saved another from Daily as he dived across. Gradually, deprived of the injection of confidence which an early goal would have given, Derby became more and more hesitant.

hesitant.

At this stage, with matches evaporating the strugglers are ruled by nerves, and passes which were once instinctively given become fraught with peril. West fram broke dangerously several times, but their shooting was weeful; Pike hit the ball hurriedly wide when Robson laid it back to woeful. Pike hit the ball hurriedly wide when Robson laid it back to him and Robson himself stabbed Alan Taylor's low centre weakly wide. Daly hit the bar early in the second half after an early in the second half after an error by Tommy Taylor and Alan Taylor contrived to lob a shot over the bar when Robson put him through with only Boulton to beat. The first penalty was awarded after 68 minutes when Hales, turning across the face of the penalty area, was heavily brought down by Tommy Taylor. Duly, with his long, jinking approach, beat Day easily and West Ham's pilght was made worse a minute later when Bonds limped off with an ankle injury. Lampard switched across to look after James, promptly earning a canton when he tripped him heavily.

Boulton did well to get a hand

Boulton did well to get a hand to a cross shor from Lampard but, to a cross shor from Lampard but, so uneasy were West Ham in defence that Derby should have ended the game. They were made to pay for their inefficiency five minutes from time when Hector, running the ball out of his own area, handled unnecessarily and Pike scored from the penalty as convincingly as had Daiy. There should have been a third penalty when McGiven brought down the when McGiven brought down the unfortunate Hales, but the referee decided we had been given our ration for the evening.

It was a notable night for Webster, Derby's 33-year-old full back, who beat the club record of 525 appearances set by Steve Bloomer 64 years ago. Personal achievements mean little to this admir-ably consistent defender; he would have been far happier with two points for his team.

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T. Brooking, A. Taylor,
Referee; R. Toscland (Kouering). New York April 28.—Franz Reckenbauer, the captain of the winning West German World Cup 1974 football team, has agreed to play for New York Cosmos, The New York Times reported today.

Neither side | Unflagging effort gives both sides little reward

By Tom German

Stoke 2

It was a night on which mountain goats would have struggled for balance in Stoke: a night when the precariousness of a sodden pitch often decreed the course of affairs and demanded unflagging physical effort. Both Stoke City and Bristol City gave it, though the outcome did nothing towards the footen at the footen the stangle at the stangle unravelling the tangle at the foot

of the first division.

Bristol may prop up all the rest in the championship, but they are clearly not prepared to descend to lower regions without a show of defiance. They lent rother more order to their play than did Stoke, twice took the lead, then lost it, and in the end were as happy as Stoke to settle for a point.

Stoke's assembly work in the middle of the field, initially, fell short of expectations with

short of expectations with Mahoney hardly relishing the con-ditions. Still, with Salmons working the ball shrewdly and Cooks looking as if he had stability in his legs, until Hunter reminded him of his presence, it seemed that Stoke might hold the stronger In that initial spell, Cooks spun

and.

In that initial spell, Cooks spun quickly in the box and shot against a post; Tudor, galloping in on a course to collect the rebound, would usually have reached it but on a night such as this legs and arms splayed in a variety of directions and the chance, literally, slipped away.

In the event, it was Bristol's determination and strong running which began to promise reward and only two marvellous saves by Shilton kept them at arms length. On both ocassions supple reflexes allowed him to reach upwards to turn away a shot from Cormack, which was travelling fast towards the top right hand corner of his goal, and then a thunderous free kick from Hunter which was just as menacing.

The initial breach, five minutes from half time, sprang from the conditions. Smith's attempt to dispose of the ball out of the touchline just inside his own half struck Marsh, facing his own goal, and ran obligingly along the line for Whitehead to pursue, free from challenge; his cross was perfectly measured and Ritchie stooped to head Bristol into the lead.

With Stoke's position in the table just a shade better than worrying, the reverse provided an worrying, the reverse provided an incentive for a second half full of endeavour and it took Stoke

incentive for a second hair ruit of endeavour and it took Stoke just 12 minutes to draw level; Salmons's corner kick from the right was pulled back far enough to be beyond Shaw's reach and Smith met it firmly and accurately with his head.

The west countrymen tried, whenever possible, to make good use of the flanks where Whitehead's directness was a recurring source of concern. He had a foot in the goal which put Bristol ahead for the second time. Bloor was dispossessed in the middle of Stoke territory, Whitehead collected a ball out on the right and his centre was neatly tucked away by Garland's head.

Their jubilation lasted no t.ore than a coupte of minutes as Salmons crossed precisely yet again and Bloor, in the heart of the throng around Bristol's goal, headed the ball downwards. Shaw threw himself into its path but the ball soutpred mischievously threw himself into its path but the ball squirmed mischlevously from his grasp and over the line. The action for the final 20 minutes was brisk and fluctuating with both sides showing more spirit and initiative than befits candidates for relegation.

STOKE CITY: P. Shikon, A Dodd, J. Marsh, J. Mahoney, D. Smith, A Bloor, J. Robertson, C. Salmons, J. Tudor, G. Cooks, J. Rogiero.

BRISTOL CITY: J. Shaw, G. Sweeney, G. Merrick, G. Gow, G. Couller, N. Runter, T. Tainion, T. Richte (Sub, K. Feer), C. Garland, P. Cormack, C. Whikehead.

Spurs' bravery fails to earn even a point By Arthur Osman

Asion Villa 2 Tottenham H 1 Asion Villa 2 Tottennam R 1
A night that storted in a spirit
of warm celebration with the
parading of the Football League
Cup to the ecstatic home supporters ended with those same
people in a peevish mood. This
was one of Aston Villa's least
impressive game but despite the
tarnish on it they probably tarnish on it they probably settled Tottenham Hotspur's destination for next season. Nevertheless two more points, however untidily earned, sustained Villa's continuing reach for the summit.

Spurs were often the more impressive and produced some won-derfully spirited rallies and periods of control that reduced villa to an almost pedestrian level that has rarely been seen this

Jennings, who returned after an absence of 12 games, was in heroic form though certainly with Villa's second goal alm so n half-time a fractionally quicker piece of anticipation might have saved it. However, as the numbrils can be tracted. heard approaching on occasions such as this luck often deserts the brave and it rarely smiled in Spurs favour here.

Villa were shaken into an early realization that Spurs meant to make a determined fight of it with a brilliant shot by Hoddle in the first minute that Burridge was more than grateful to turn away. Within minutes they were pounding at the gate again through Taylor and Jones before Villa cleared their lines in the untidiest way imaginable.
Taylor's departure after a mere

13 minutes due to a heavy tackle by Robson might have been expected to have an unsettling effect, but Armstrong's substitu-

tion was one of the more effective

and notable events of the evening. He caused Villa many a problem with tenacious often bull at a gate

The crowd's restiveness at villa's lack of positiveness and the increasing signs of fracility in defence were stilled in the 26th minute when for the first time Mortimer and Cropley got a grip on the midfield for Mortimer to beat two defenders and put the ball at Little's feet just inside the penalty area. Little's adept sways are defended the smartest of turns produced the smartest of turns and allowed him to notch his 22nd goal of the season from eight yards.

eight yards.

It had a settling effect on VIIIs who, in the forty-second minute, went two up and showed all the signs of carrying the game by storm. Graydon raked the ball wide across the field to Smith, whose accurate centre was beaded just inside a post by Deehan as Jennings went down a shade late.

Armstrong's persistence paid off Armstrong's persistence paid off within two minutes of the restart when he headed in from a free kick by Naylor amid a hopelessly

The fight was on and Spurs more than once deserved to take a point away with them as Villa found it hard going. Cowans was in good form but Jennings as the final bastion was magnificent. An 89th minute incident encapsulated all the frustration of Villa's game when Deehan our on his own lifted the ball high and handsomely into the groaning crowd.

Rugby Union

to score **Aylesbury** duck

By Nicholas Keith
Bucks 3

Buckinghamshire won a famous
victory over Sydney at Aylesbury
last evening. It is a strange from
the world, play in such far distant places as Japan, Moscow, and
Vancouver, and meer defeat in
rural Buckinghamshire.

It cannot be said that they deserved to win, for all their four
internationals. The Australians
enjoyed a great deal of possession
and pressure, but they simply
failed to make good use of it. A
gallant and plucky Buckingnamshire gave as good as they got
The Australians went off like
fire-crackers and enjoyed all the
early play, mainly through good
lineout balls won by their captain,
Fay, who has the features of Rock
Hudson and the physique of King
Kong. However, Buckinghamshure
survived this crisis when Ellem
missed a penalty and Wright a
drop, both from reasonable noswright, who had a survived this crisis when Ellem missed a penalty and Wright a drop, both from reasonable nostions. Wright, who had a thoroughly unhappy game dropping more passes than is good for an international's reputation, was the guilty party on two occasions when he chose to kick instead of moving the ball along the hne. Buckinghamshire did not break out until the fifteenth minute when Smith, the right wing, took them from one 25 to the other. This seemed to give Buckinghamshire heart and confidence to stand up to Sydney's powerful forwards. A magnificent cover tackle by White-lock on Ellem stopped what looked like a try, and then came Buckinghamshire's score in the thirty-fifth minute.

A high kick ahead by Smith was fielded by Monaghan, Sydney's international three-quarter, and he in turn was caught by Buckinghamshire's back row; a Sydney forward came into the maid at the wrong side and Langley gratefully kicked the goal from the 25-ward line in front of the nosts.

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Round world W Indies win Test to clinch series

Kingston, Jamaica. April 20:— Indies second innings for 359 in West Indies won the fifth Test less than an hour. Murray was match here today by 140 runs to caught at the wicket off Imran clinch the five-match series 2—1 for 32 and Wasin Bart caught the against Pakisman, who were all other overnight bassman, Holford, out in their second immings for off Sarfraz Nawaz for 37, 301. Asif Iqbai scored 135.— Roberts was caught behind for

At close of play on the fourth day yesterday, Pakistan, held together by a brilliant, if occasionally chancy 132 by Asif Iohal, had reached 289 for seven in their reacted 209 for seven in men second innings as they chosed a winning score of 442. At one stage they were SI for four. The fourth day was a day of landmarks. Holford, the Barbados

leg spin bowler, diamissed Imran Khan with the last hall of the day to take his fiftieth Test wicket and the Pakistan wicketkeeper Washn. Barl, held three catches to achieve. a total of 101 dismissals in Test cricket.

The West Indies fast bowler.

Croft, playing in his first series, joined in by taking three wickers to equal the 27-year-old record of 33 wickets in a series set by Valentine. For most of his Valentine innings, Asif looked assured and not like a man who had previously failed to exceed a total of 36 in nine Test innings.

He had a narrow escape as the lad a narrow escape.

He had a narrow escape early on when Kallicharran failed to hold a catch off Croft in the slips. Later, Roberts beat him repeatedly without managing to hit the samps or find the edge of the bat.

But generally Asif was in full control, driving powerfully and occasionally indulging in flashing cuts to the boundary off the fast bowlers. Pakistan had beaun the

bowlers. Pakistan had begun the day well, wrapping up the West

Roberts was caught behind for two off Sariraz and Imran ended the innings when he had Garner caught for nought, leaving Croft not out with 12.

Croft's first wicket of the de-was that of Majid Khan who tried a cut, mistimed it and lobbed a catch to Fredericks at point when he had made four. Zabeer Abbas got an edge to another ball before he had scored and right on lunch Croft had his third wicket, that of Sadig Mohammad, who also edged into the slips when he had made 14.

Test scorecard

PAKISTAN: Fast implies, 198 (14. Reshid 72, Croft 4 for 49)

Majid Kran,
Sadis Mohammad, c Greenidge, b
Croft
Zaheer Abbas, c Richerth, b Croft
H. Rastid, c Greenidge, b Garner
Mushag Mohammad, b Garner
Astr Iqbai, st Murray, b Holford
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Imran Kran, c Lioye, b Holford
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Bedser has a wasted day

who had a wasted day at Lord's, match between MCC and Middlesex, the pipe-opener to the

cricket season. playing were abandoned after a 4.30 inspection. The match, now reduced to two days, is, in effect, the first Test trial of the season. Middlesex, the county champions, had to vacate their home dressing.

Alec Bedser, the chairman of the selectors, was among phose who had a wasted day at Lord's, where no play was possible in the class match, between Orderi University and Warwickshire. Rain and an inspection was made in mid-afternoon, but the square and the recent dry spell and hopes of playing were abandoned after a

Today's cricket LORD'S: MCC v. Middlesex (11.0 to

Five birdies in a row give Abreu the lead and trok she Lasska Open tide in Zambia last month, finished with two birdles, almost boling his tee shot on the linal green. Faldo built his store on three birdles in a row. Christia O'Connor senior, of Ireland, was among eight players on 71 with South Africans Simon Hobday, the German Open champion, and John Brand.

Madrid, April 20.—Francisco
Abreu, the defending champion
from the Canary Islands, had a
round of 66 today (six under par)
to take the lead in the first round
of the Madrid Open golf championship at the Club de Campo
here.

here.

Eddie Polland, a former Ryder Cup international from Belifist, moved into second place with a score of 58; a stroke ahead of another Briton, the 23-year-old former Walker Cup player, Mark James Reddie Possand, a former Ryger
Cup international from Belfest,
moved into second place with a
score of 58, a stroke ahead of
another Briton, the 23-year-old
former Walker Cup player, Mark
James.

Nick Faldo, aged 19, a former
England amateur champion, was
on 70. But Bernard Gallacher, of
Scotland, winner of the Spanish
Open title at La Manga on Saturday, slioped to a score of 76.

Abreu, the runner-up to Gal-lacher at La Manga, started from the tenth and went to the turn in a level par 36. He then unleashed six birdies in eight holes—five of them in a row—for an astonishing

homeward score of 30. The longest putt he holed was from five yards. Abreu scored a runaway nine-stroke victory in last year's event at the Puerta de Hierro Club.

Polland, the winner of the Spanish Open last year, had six birdies, including a two at the lith when he holed out of a bunker. He holed two stable putts but saw four shorter ones to the lith when he holed two stable putts but saw four shorter ones to the hole and other than the hole and other hand the hole and the hole at the hole and the ho

James, who won more than £10,000 in prize money on his first professional appearance last year,

for birdies hit the hole and stay

Leading Scotes

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Swimming

Spitz and Miss Gould swim into Hall of Fame

Fort Lauderdale, Florida, April 20.—Mark Spitz and Shane Gould, stars of the 1972 Olympics, bave been inducted into the international swimming Hall of Fame along with nine other greats. Tuesday's ceremonies increased the number of persons honomed to 174.

Spitz, an American, won seven gold medals and set seven world records in the 1972 Olympics; Miss Gould, of Australia, dominated the women's events with three golds, a silver and a bronze.

President elected

The Duke of Edinburgh was elected to serve as President of the Royal Yachting Association for a further year at the annual general meeting of the Associa-tion in London yesterday. Apart from some mino reciticisms, the members seemed satisfied with the work of the various committees during the past term and even the accounts, showing a healthy balance, could hardly be criticized. Athletics

West German sprinter decides to retire

Ditsseldorf, April 20.—Inge Helten, a West German sprinter and former holder of the world 100 metres record for women, said today that she had retired from competitive athletics.

She said she had been troubled by a nagging groin muscle injury and wanted to devote more time to her work. Miss Helten, aged 26, won the bronne medal in the 100 metres last year at the Montreal Olympic Gamies and was a member of the West German women's 4x 100 metres relay team which took second place.

Shortly before the Olympics she set the world record of 11.04 seconds in Fuerth, West Germany, but this was bettered in Montreal by her compatriot Amegret Richter, who rock the Olympic by her compatriot Amegret Richter, who took the Olympic tide.—Reuter.

Today's fixtures BITHMAN LEAGUE.—First division!
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ATHENIAN LEAGUE: First division!
Epsom and Ewell v. Worthing.
RUGBY LEAGUE: Second division!
Dencaster v Huddensfield (6.30).

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Lest scorecard

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Today's cricket

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Ludlow NH programme

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16 p-00 Just Royal, D. Barons, 7-10-3 B. R. Davies
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18 f0p-000 Swerrock, S. Mellor, 8-10-5 Mr A. Walter
19 230000 Kilater, M. Oliver, 8-10-5 D. Davies
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21 p-0 Hespoit, W. Fisher, 8-10-0 R. Mangan
4-1 Honey Blue, 9-2 Gay Signal, 5-1 Dolben Lad, 6-1 Master Scorchin, 15-2
King's Bazard, 8-1 La Balconna, 10-1 All My Love, 12-1 Glendale, Spiring.

7-4 Joint Venture, 100-30 Mr Savin. 5-1 Cartwright, 8-1 Headmaster, 10-1 Ross Royal, 12-1 Escile, 16-1 others, 4.0 BITTERLEY STEEPLECHASE (Novices: Handicap: £641:

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3.30 ASTON STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £759: 21m)

Michael Phillips

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Tony Conreh, at 4.40.

Thus ended Conneh's rearguard action aimed at staging the contest in Britain. This had gone on for more than two weeks, during which time Conteh had repeatedly said that as champion he should not have to box abroad. Only last weekend he said that under no circumstances would he meet Cnello in Monte Carlo.

The meet research of the content of Up until yesterday there remained a slender chance that someone would be able to do a deal with Monre Carlo and get the contest put on here instead. Jack Solomons, the London promoter,

John Conteh, the world light-heavyweight boxing champion, has-lost his bande to defend his title against Miguel Cuello, of Argen-tina, in Britain. He must go to Monte Carlo, where the contest will be staged on May 21 by the Monaco Sporting Club and Top Rank Inc. the American television company. The contest was secured by Mr The contest was secured by Mr Arum for more than \$250,000, of which the champion will receive 75 per cent. He might have taken less for the opportunity of defending in friendly surroundings and in front of his own supporters.

This will be the second title contest for Conteh within two mouths and a half. On March 5 he defended against Len Hutchins, of the United States, and won in three rounds. He is hoping that a win over Cuello will clear the way for a bont with Victor Galindez, the holder of the World Boxing Association version of the title, after which Conteh may decide that he has earned enough money to retire. Conteh, who had been given until yesherday to sign contracts with the promoters, whose purse offer was the one accepted by the World Boxing Council, or face the consequences, compiled with instructions, but with little time remaining. He beat the effective deadline by only 50 minutes. The offices of the British Boxing Board of Control in London were due to close at 5.30 pm. The contracts were delivered by Conteh's brother and business manager, Tony Conteh, at 4.40.

Conteh beats clock as

he loses site of battle

that he has earned enough money to retire.

Ray Clarke, secretary of the British board, who has been the "middleman" between Conteh and the WBC. said: "I am glad that this saga is now over, although I cannot blame Conteh for doing his best to fire the contest in this country. We would all have preferred this, but the matter was out of the control of the British board and Conteh himself."

Jack Solomons has won the right to promote the British light-weight title contest between Jim Watt (Glasgow), the champion, and Charlie Nash (Derry). It will be at the World Sporting Club, London, or in Northern Ireland.

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I. Francome 11-1 Miramoor, 3-1 Listen Here, 9-2 Las Marismas, 6-1 Young Octavius, Madrid, April 20.—Eddie Gazo, of Nicaragua, defends the world boxing association version of the light-middleweight title against a former world champion, José Duran, of Spain, in Osio next June. Duran took the title when he knocked out the Japanese holder, Koichi Wajima, in the fourteenth round in Tokyo last May and then lost it on a points decision to Miguel Angel Castellini, of Argeninia, here last October. Since then, the Spaniard has spent all his time outside the ring. Gazo outpointed Castelini last month to take the title.

Minter's date at Rotterdam

Rotterdam, April 20.—Alan Minter, of Britain, the European middleweight boxing champion, will meet Rudi Koopmans, of the Netherlands, in a title bout at Rotterdam on June 8.
Minter, who was scheduled to
meet Koopmans in a voluntary
deeface of his European title here on May 9, had to postpone the bout because of facial injuries received in his contest with the American Romile Harris in London on April 12. The referee stoped their bour at the end of the eighth round because of curs the eighth round because of cuts round Minter's eyes and a badly gashed mouth.—Reuter.

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the speed and endurance phase on Saturday.

The French challenge has dwindled to one, but there is still an Irish and American entry of three spiece, though the West three apiece, though the West German trio offer the most valid challenge, including as it does Karl Schultz and Madrigal, who

By Pamela MacGregor-Morris
On the evening before the start of the Badminton Horse Trials the entry has dropped to a manageable 50 starters. Three French horses have bowed out but none of the 22 who has defaulted in the last few weeks since entries closed was remotely likely to be concerned in the final.

Following the tradition of nearly 30 years, the briefing of competitors by the trials director. Colonel Frank Weldon, was held yesterday morning in Badminton Village School. Afterwards, competitors had their first sight of the course that they will walk again many times, looking for the safest and shortest way commensurate with the ability and experience of their horses, before they embark upon the demands of the speed and endurance phase on the speed and his own Persian Holiday as he attempts to win the Whitbread Irrophy for the fourth time. Richard Meade has always had high hopes of Tommy Buck, who did so well to finish third at Burghley as a virtual novice, and Miss Prior Palmer, recently returned from polishing her dressage in Germany, will have consured that Kiliaire has not declined since he finished second at Burghley last year.

Mrs Suzy Howard's Warrior enabled Jane Holderness-Roddam last September to complete the Badminton/Burghley double and will now be out to make it a double for the horse as well, while Aly Pattinson will be trying for

Aly Pattinson will be trying for the double for both of them, having won the Raleigh trophy on Carawich in 1975. Christopher Collins has still three borses in the field and has still to nominate three apiece, though the West tall challenge, including as it does karl Schultz and Madrigal, who led through the dressage and speed and endurance phase of the Olympic Games and only dropped back in the show jumping to take the individual brome belind two Americans.

But it is hard to envisage anything other than a British victory with Richard Meade, Captain Mark phillips and the reigning European champion, Lucinda Priorand Van de Vater failed to arrive from Ireland with his Olympic could be more appropriate in horse Blue Tom Tit.

Volburrow (B), F. Walwyn. 10-11-2 M. Floyd Marry Boy (D), M. Chapman. 7-10-13 A. Turnell Ringardee, E. Armyriage, 8-10-12 Df. D. Cheaney Jimlan (D), N. Gaselee, 9-20-11 Df. Cheaney Jimlan (D), N. Gaselee, 9-20-12 Df. Cheaney Jimlan (D), N. Ga

Judith Erskine, 17-year-old Scot from Duchlane playing in her first senior English tournament "for a bit of fun", won an incredible three hours 55 minutes match to reach the quarter-finals of the hard court tournament sponsored by Robinson at Norwich yesterday.

Surviving a match point at 6-5 in the second set Miss Erskine out-lasted the finy 14-year-old Surrey schoolgirl, akte Brasher, to win their third round match 7-6, 6-7, 7-5.

Afterwards Miss Erskine said: "That was the longest match I've ever played and ever hope to play. I just daren't take my shoes off This week's clay court tourna-

ever played and ever hope to play.

I just daren't take my shoes off for my feet feel as though they are two great blisters."

Within minutes of latting the winning shot Miss Erskine was on the telephone to her sponsors—a fea company—in Scotland, to report her progress.

"They have been very good to me," said the girl who can only play tennis full-time this season because she is too young to take up her place at university.

"They have given me £500, half of which is to go in travelling expenses for tournaments over the border and the other half to be spent on equipment.

Miss Erskine's chance appeared to have gone at 0—3 in the final set but she hit back

Even at 6—5 and serving for the match, the Scottish girl nearly threw away her chance. Miss Brasher battled away to the point which would have tied the score

DENVER: O. Bernston beat P. Dent. 6—2. J. Borowiak boat P. Kronk. 7—6. 7—6: F. McMillan beat B. Teacher. 7—6. 6—7. 6—5: C. Dibiey beat B. Mitton. 7—6. 6—3.

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Francisco Ginnto 7: Houston Astron.

250 WARREN SIARES (3-y-0; 14,552: 11m)
201 411- Parong, M. O'Brien, 9-3
202 1102- Fast Frigute, I. Leiding, 8-12
203 04100-1 Mr. Music Man, E. Hauvey, 8-12
204 04100-1 Mr. Music Man, E. Hauvey, 8-12
205 0-1 Royal Legend, W. Elbey, 8-12
206 0140-31 Waish Sicel, M. Kalsey, 8-12
207 32-0 Devict, U. Smyth, 8-2, 12
208 0-0 Braff, G. Hunter, 8-8
209 0200-2 Spariants, C. Brittain, 8-8
213 0420-2 Spariants, C. Brittain, 8-8 The same of the sa 9.4 Padroug. 4-1 Millionaire, 11-2 Fast Frigate, 6-1 Welsh Steel, 7-1 Royal Legend, 8-1 Mr Music Man, 12-1 Spartiatts, Daviot, 20-1 others. Legend, B-1 Mr Music Man, 12-1 Spartistis, Baviot, 20-1 others.

3.05 PRINCESS ELIZABETH STAKES (3-y-o: £5,983: 1m 110yd)

302 11230- Biackadder, P. Walwyn, 8-11 P. Eddery 1

303 1240-03 Brightelmstone, R. Smyth, 8-11 E. Eidon 10

304 01- Brightelmstone, R. Smyth, 8-11 B. Lewis 6

305 112142- Lazy Mers, B. Hills, 8-11 B. Lewis 6

306 02231- Lazy Mers, B. Hills, 8-11 R. Hunchinson 9

307 110-3 Miss Shannon, Doug Smith, 8-11 R. Hunchinson 9

308 20000-3 Bradey Park, R. Hamon, 8-11 Princess Tara, J. Bindley, 8-11 Mercer 7

309 20000-3 Swagger, I. Baiding, 8-11 D. Mercer 7

310 012212- Swagger, I. Baiding, 8-11 B. Rouse 8

311 031000- Toping, R. Jarvis, 8-11 B. Rouse 8

5-2 Lady Mers, 100-50 Brightelmstone, 9-2 Princess Tara, 6-1 Blackadder, 8-1 Enghly, 10-1 Miss Shannon, 12-1 Swagger, 20-1 others. 3.35 LADBROKE RACING HANDICAP (£2,347: 5f) 501 121- Letter, H. Prico. 9-5 RHIES: £1,507; RH 110yd)
501 121- Letter, H. Prico. 9-5 B. Taylor 6
503 140- Mielite, B. Hills, 9-2 L. Piggort 2
505 42:1010- Saling Aloes, H. Candy, 9-0 P. Waldron 7
504 2371- Siver Shoale, I. Balding, 8-10 J. March 5
507 02:042- Carless Princess, C. Benstead. 7-10 W. Carlon 5
508 42:1040- High Value, R. Supple. 7-8 D. McKay 4
7-4 Lecter, 5-8- Mielitz, 7-2 Silver Shoale, 9-2 Fawn, 8-1 Salling Along.
12-1 others. 222, 202 2 1 102 1 200 27, de 2 4.45 SPRING HANDICAP (£882 : 7£) '.... ಆ ಎಸ್. ನ್**. ಮತ್ತ** Lates be Pontefract programme 245 ROPERGATE STAKES (2-y-o: £1,117: 5f) V, 200 (G 71 Herringswell (D), W. O'Gorman, 9-5
1 Vascar (D), M. H. Easterby, 9-5
Lavonk, D. McCalm, B-11
Consin Ribby, T. Fairhurst, 8-11
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O Merchantmans, N. Adam, 8-11
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Milistan, A. Wiones, 4-8-1 13-6 Velver Circle, 11-4 Barrathy Beck, 5-1 Captain Cheeko, 7-1 Tunis, 10-1 Irmhridge, 12-1 Musical Lucy, 16-1 others. 3.45 WEBSTER'S PENNINE CHAMPIONSHIP (Qualifier: 3-y-o: 4.15 BUTTERCROSS HANDICAP (3-y-o: £1,050: 6f) cides to retire 100 BARBICAN HANDICAP (£872: 11m)
2 10200-0 Lambers Boy (B), E. Cariar. 4-9-7.
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3 402210 Montrad Boy (B), J. Calvest, 6-9-5.
3 21402-0 Rough River (C-D) (B), Harbert Jones, 4-9-2.
4 0000-00 Merry (C-D), J. Consins 5-90.
3 212230 My Wellie (D), W. C. Watts, 4-8-13.
3 402340 My Wellie (D), R. Hollandsond, 4-8-11.
3 7 10000-0 Rough River (D), R. Hollandsond, 4-8-11.
3 12 0000-003 Solo Reign (D), R. Hollandsond, 4-8-11.
3 12 0000-003 Drad Scott (B), R. Hollandsond, 4-8-11.
3 12 0000-003 Drad Scott (B), R. Hollandsond, 4-8-11.
3 13 0000-000 Rough Bally, D. Plant Scott, 8-8-2.
3 14 0000-000 Rough River (B) R. Hollandsond, 4-8-11.
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Studiey Royal, P. Rohan, 8-8 J. Sengrave
Ackabarrow, E. Collingwood, 8-7 M. Kettle
Omenity, A. Johnson, 8-6 J. Love
Allantic Ocean, J. Colvert, 8-3 D. Nichells 5
O Clois du Roi, J. Vickors, 8-4 D. Nichells 5
O Edward George, M. W. Essierby, 8-1 M. Thomas 1:
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Marie, V. Mitchell, 8-1 C. Ecclesion
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Taunton NH programme 2.15 ADJACENT COUNTIES STEEPLECHASE (Hunters: 5272: WESSAURINSTER STAKES (2-y-o fillies: £1,037: 5f)

1 Silve Lago (D), P. Ashworth, 9-2

1 Flashy (D), P. Ashworth, 9-2

3 Tadyracre (D), E. Hearry, 8-12

P. Cook 5

1 Ladyracre (P), P. Michell, 8-12

B. Lago 2

6 Plea, A. Storens, 8-12

Town Blues, H. O'Nell, 8-5

7-4 Silk Lady, 11-4 Flashy Looker, 7-2 Ladyracre, 9-2 Miss Dilke, 12-1 Piora, 15-12

10-1 Town Blues. 11 16 18 19 23 23 23 30 44 46 55 2.45 PICKERIDGE HURDLE (Handicap: £376: 2m) 3.15 JANIE HUSBANDS STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £682: 2.30 CHASE MEREDITH STEEPLECHASE (Hunters: £476; Sm)

1 4-01422 Davi's Walk (C-D), M. Blahop, 9-12-7 Mr T. Roomey

2 7 31123 Essieric (D), Miss Harris, 10-12-0 Mr J. Sharp 7

2042-97 Fiz (D), Wiss Harris, 10-12-0 Mr J. Sharp 7

2042-97 Hit Last, J. Mahom, 9-12-5 Mr J. Weston 5

212-04, Stanhope Street (C-D), R. Blakeney, 11-12-0 Mr N. Bush 5

223-33 Basey Brook, M. Beall, 9-11-0 Mr M. Wheeler 7

230-33 Brave Money, Mrs Davenport, 6-11-9 Mr P. Brookshaw 7

20 0001- Mr M. Sharp, 6-11-9 Mr S. Brookshaw 7

21 Plast Star, W. Everall, 6-11-9 Mr S. Brookshaw 7

22 Plast Start 4-1 Ecotoric 9-2 Deuth's Walk, 11-2 Kahonice, 7-1 Sution 3.0 HENLEY HALL HURDLE (Handicap: £945: 2m 1f 30yd)

9-2 Sayroy, 5-1 Hodge Hill, 6-1 Hit Parade, 8-1 Foriorn Raid 10-1 Noblest Nobles, Verdi, 12-1 Current Homance, Holemoor Treasure, 20-1 others. 4.15 YARCOMBE HURDLE (Div I: Part I: Novices: £306: 2m 5-2 Peter The Great, 7-2 Siriker, 5-1 Hartley Hill. 6-1 Peace, 12-1 Legal Gift, Tranby, 16-1 others. 4.45 YARCOMBE HURDLE (Div II: Novices: £306: 2m 3f)

Taunton selections By Our Racing Staff 2.15 Capalena, 2.45 Somerset, 3.15 Park End, 3.45 Sayroy, 4.15 Striker, 4.45 Railway City, 5.15 Opt Out.

Epsom selections By Our Racing Correspondent 2.0 Flashy Looker. 2.30 PADROUG is specially recommended. 3.05 Lady Mere. 3.35 Kellystown. 4.10 Fawn. 4.45 Gimri By Our Newmarket Correspondent 3.05 Princess Tiara. 3.35 Kellystown. 4.10 Fawn. 4.45 Happy Victorious.

Pontefract selections

By Our Racing Staff
2.45 Vascar. 3.15 Barnaby Beck. 3.45 Christmas Visit. 4.15 RIAL is specially recommended. 4.45 Dred Scott. 5.15 Edward George. specially recommended. 4.45 Dred Scott. 5.15 Edward George.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.45 Herringswell. 3.45 Olympic Visualise. 4.15 Rial. 4.45 Dred Scott.

By Our Racing Staff
1.30 Listen Here. 2.0 Virgin Slave. 2.30 His Last. 3.0 All My Love.
3.30 Joint Venure. 4.8 Limner. 4.30 Grantie. 5.0 Owen Money.

> TOTE: Win, 16p; places, 1.4n, 17p; Perth NH 15p; dual forecast, £1.26, J. Hinder, Perth NH Newmarkst, 2, 18; 1. Tid Newmarket 1, 161.
>
> 5.15 (5.17) HARDWICK HANDICAP
> (£754: 11m1)
> Miss Dallas, b m. by March Past
> Blue Cherl (W. Brown), 5-7-7
> Blue Cherl (W. Brown), 5-7-7
> Fapay Valentine
>
> A. Kimberley (10-1) 2
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> 5.15: 1, Tid (11-4); 2, Falry Rath
> (1-2): 3, Our Prince (20-1), 9 ren.
> 2.45: 1, Timeses Sattle (4-9); 3.
> Bar Hasse (3-1): 3, Royal Allini (8-1): 6 ran.
> 5 ran.
> 5 ran.
> 6 ran.
> 7 ranger (3-1 fav): 2, Brag (11-1); 3, Liligant (14-1), 8 ran. Blus Cherl (W. Brown, 6-1) 1
> Fanny Valentine D. Collen (6-1) 1
> Pave the Way G. Duffrield (14-1) 3
> ALSO RAN: 3-1 my Touch of Silver, 7-2 Good Fallow 5-1 Take Aim, 9-1
> Prince of Light (4th, 11-1 Lady Esmorald), 14-1 Falcon, Hoir. Mayswing. 16-1 Petills, The Govnor, 20-1
> Crocume and Tallulah. 14 ran.
> TOTE: Win, 48p: places, 172, 22p.
> 87p. G. Smyth, Lowes, 4t. 31.
> TOTE DOUBLE: Victa and Hallodn.
> 128.35, TREBLE, Nover for Mc. Cadgel and Miss Dallas, 235.30.

Ludlow selections

3.45: 1, Wylam Boy (5-1): 2, Braw Lad (16-1): 3. Santon Brig (4-6), 5 ran. 14-61, 5 ran.

4.15: 1, Torumy Joe (4-61; 2, Tumbeleens 11-1) 15-1: 3, Humpty 11-10 8 ran,

4.65: 11-8 ran,

4.65: 8-11: 3, Mary McQusker (3-5-1), 8 ran,

4.30 LONGMYND HURDLE (Div II: Part I: £272: 2m 1f 30yd)

| DONON | DONO Afterwards Miss Erskine said:

"That was the longest match I've ever played and ever hope to play. I just daren't take my shoes off for my feet feel as though they are two great blisters."

Within minutes of latting the winning shor Miss Erskine was on the telephone to her sponsors—a tea company—in Scotland, to report her progress.

"They have been very good to me," said the girl who can only play tennis full-time this season because she is too young to take up her place at university. 3-1 Grantie, 7-2 Rikroc, 4-1 Dark Ronald, 5-1 Charivari, 8-1 Gentle Rose, 10-1 Gypsy Roamer, 14-1 others. 5.0 LONGMYND HURDLE (Div II: Part II: Novices: 2m If

For the record Tennis

CHARLOTTE (North Carolina): T.
Okker bear R. Stockton, 5-6, 6-1,
6-1: A. Roche beat J. Sadri, 6-1,
7-6: C. Barazzutti beat V. Amritral,
6-1. 6-1.

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Stanloy Cup: Quarter final round: Best-of-Seven series: Phasetelpha Flyers 2. Teronic Stands: Loafs 0 (Philadelpha lead 2-1; Los Angeles Kings 2. Boston Bruins 1, 180ston icad 3—21.

Squash rackets

SHEFFIELD: European learn event:
Poni A: Netherlands 3. Demmark 2:
Finland 5. France 0. Pool B: Waies 5.
Swizerland 0: Scotland 5. Greec 0.
Pool C: Sweden 5. W Germany 0.

EDSORT PCSULTS

2.0 (2.1) BANSTEAD STAKES (2-y-o: E875; 5f)

Princess Magna, b f, by Runnyment Ciel Rouge (R. Deun),
Berlin Ciel Rouge (R. Deun),
G. Barrier (3-1)

Love Pervol ... G. Barrier (3-1)

Direc Graceful G. Levis (S-1); £xyl 3

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ALSO RAN; 7.1 Frimley? One Oat,
Levis Graceful G. Levis (10-11 fay) 1

Frimley Park L. Pliggott (2-1) 2

Hiss Cameron, Marry Solendid, 25-1

Miss Cameron, Marry Solendid, 25-1

Redigit Pearl (3-h), 33-1 Moodevan,
10 mm. 293: places, 11p, 15p. 1977 "- II Zilndi." المناه فأرأت أفعاضه

Epsom results

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TOTE: Win, 29.1: places. 11p. 15p.
12p. dual (overest. £1.2c. pl. Stoute. Newmarker). 11, 41, 59,0990c.

2.30 (2.13) LADERONES LISURE MANDICAP (22,862: 1½ml)

Gate Candid. 5 c. by Candy Care
— Suspense (Mrs. G. Janson).

4-9-13 ... B. Taylor (12-1).

The Tista ... P. Waldron (42-1).

ALSO RAN: 4-1 Figure Tree. 12-1

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Calibration (4th). Ca Marcho. Livy Lingtry, 20-1 Tidal Water, 5 Figure.

TOTE: Win, £1.5c. places. 36p. 18p.
14p: dual (overest. £7.36. H. Price. Finder. 15. S. Anim 46.449cc. Findon. 31, 31, 2mm 46,44sec.

5.5 (5.8) CITY AND SIBURBAN
HANDICAR (E4.383: 11, m)

Suraptice, ch. c. by Sheshood—
Following (Mrs. J. McDoucald),
4-8-3 cm. J. Martinias (20-1) 7

Naior Rois W. Carsón (11-4 [; fav) 2

Paraclo P. Cook (15-2) 3

ALSO RAN: 11-4 ft fav Yellow Boy,
10-2 I Pedrone, 10-1 Blyth's Folly
(5m), Swring Through, 25-1 Endiess

Etho. 8 ran.

4.45 (a,47) Kingswood Stakes

(3-y-0: 21,165: 1m 110yd)

Splendid Summer, gr. c. by John
Splendid Summer, gr. c. by John
Mythinal). 8-11

P. Eddery (7-1) 1

Sakes The Hand B. Romes 5-2 fav) 2

ALSO RAN: 10-30 Poir (100-30) 3

ALSO RAN: 11-1 Blakeney

Etho. 8 ran.

Pontefract

TOTE: Win, £3.23; places, 580, 150, 180; dual forocast, £3.64, 1. Balding, Kingsclare, 21, 11, 2min 12.36sec.

2.5-6: 21,119: 5ft, Falk Stands 12,7-6: 21,119: 5ft, Falk Stands Park, b f. hy Swing Easy (USA)—Tin Pan (C., Hill), 9-0 (USA)—Tin Pan (C., Hill), 9-0 (USA)—Tin Pan (C., Hill), 9-1 (1 and Park N., Crowther (7-4 if fav. 2 salady Lady J. Sesgrave (25-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 6-1 Nitry Gring, 14-1 Good Form, 20-1 Merency, 25-1 My Marie, Ripple Wood, Saszanlan Queen, Sprinkler, Trackaindy (4th), 11 ran. TOTE: Win. 18p: places, 12p, 12p, 39p, C. J. Hill, Barmstaple, 5l, 7l.

2.45 (2.46) BEAST FAIR STAKES (2-y-o; \$1,119; 50. Town Cirl K. Lowis (13-1) 2
Witches Broom K. Lowis (13-1) 2
Witches Broom K. Lowis (13-1) 2
Mitches Broom Pai Dan, 8-1 White Enperor, 1-2 Stateroom, 14-1 Red Dawn,
15-1 Brawby Lid, 10-1 Pink Note,
25-1 Argo, 12 rgn.
TOTE: Win, 58p: places, 18p, 38p,
30p, H. P. Rehman, Malten, 11, 31.
Artidets did not run. ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Under Could (4th). 4-1 The Solosian, 13-1 Cold (4th). 4-1 The Solosian, 13-1 Cold (4th). 4-2 The Solosian, 13-2 The Solosian, 13-

TOTE: Win, £5.29: places, £1.03. 22p, 40p. R. Hollingshead, Upper Longdon. 11, sh hd. 4.15 (4.17) BENTLEY HANDICAP (£757: 61). Cudgel, br B. by The Brianstan-Pelta (Mrs. J. Bissill), 4-9-5 N. Troop (9-2 it (24) 1 Town Giri K. Lowis (12-1) 2 Witches Broom

Cadded and Miss Dallas, 255.30.

Devon and Exeter NH

2.30:1. Dispassed (11-2):2. Indium
(4-1): 3. Athens Treasure (13-2), 17
ran. Kiny Bells 7-2 fav.
3.0:1. Samwyllas (9-1): 2 Bit of
Manny (11-2): 5 Four By Two
(11-1): 16 rat. Cultion Fair 3-1 fav.
3.30:1. Nam's Geen (11-10 tay): 2.
Man's Clow (11-2): 3. Monas Express
(20-1): 8 rat.
4.0:1. Calle (9-1): 3. Conchiz
(15-8) if fav): 5. Devon Spirit (15-8
(15-8) if fav): 5. Devon Spirit (15-8
(13-1): 13 separ Paim (7-1): 2. Lo
Danghin (15-2): 5. Walderfüle (35-1).
18 ran. Atenes 11-8 fav.
5.0. 1. Super Paim (7-4): 2. Lo
Saper (20-1): 3. Walderfüle (35-1).
18 ran. Atenes (13-8) fav.
5.0. 1. Super Paim (7-4): 2. Lo
Super (20-1): 3. Walderfüle (35-1).
18 ran. Atenes (13-8) fav.
5.0. 1. Super Paim (7-4): 2. Lo
Super (20-1): 3. Rill Point (9-4): 17
Asper (20-1): 3. Rill Rill Ri

The danger of electing Parliament to be a 'dictator'

The supporters of a more pro-portionate system of election toral reform is not for me to for the House of Commons have fallen upon me in the letters columns for my sugges-tion last week that, if such a system is adopted for the European Parliament, this should not be a precedent for Westminster. The subject is 50 important, and the supporters of electoral change are so assiduous and deciated in their cause—for which I respect people expressing another them—that I do not think I opinion, after a "hung" Parliament has existed for two and a half years.

The advocates of a different electoral system usually manage to imply two assumptions which are incorrect. The first is that those who oppose abandoning the first-past-thepost system are also opposed to other reforms of the political structure. The second is that the present electoral system is really the root of all that is now wrong with the body

politic,
Mr Tim Rathbone, MP,
managed to imply both things
when he invoked Lord Hailsham's recent letter on the
danger of an "elective dictatorship" of the House of Commons. "Where Ronald But
argues for the presumed clarity
of a simply yes/no vote by a simply yes/no vote by ctors", writes Mr Rathbone, electors", writes Mr Kathoone,
"Lord Hailsham points out
how this leads to elective dictatorship" (my italics). I have
carefully read and reread Lord Hailsham's letter, but I cannot see any phrase in it which suggests that the dangers of elec-tive dictatorship arise from the

say. But in his speech (reported on April 5) he cited the Lib-Lab pact as an indication of the evils of elective dictatorship because, unlike the sort of coalition deal which accepts the electoate's verdict of a "hung" Parliament immediately after an election, the present pact is specifically designed to prevent an election and to stop the

In short, what Lord Hailsham is attacking is the concept of the "sovereignty of Parlia-ment" as a euphemism for the dictatorship of the House of Commons when the House of Commons, unchecked by any other efficient arm of the constitution, deliberately resists references back to the people. I thoroughly agree, and I should have thought that a proportional system of voting, which perpetually produced nomajority Parliaments whose groups made political deals after the election, was, in truth, likely to increase the danger

likely to increase the danger of a dictatorship of the House of Commons. For the result would be that one deal would follow another to ensure that the existing House of Commons remained in being, however out of touch with public opinion it had become.

Such a dictatorship was, indeed, the system under which we lived from 1689 to 1832, and we are fortunate in being able to study and reflect on its con-Whether or not Lord Hail-sham is now inclined towards sequences. The role of the Crown had been reduced to sham is now inclined towards little more than furnishing sup-

parliamentary loyalties, and Treasury money with which to win elections) for the dominant Whig Party. The factions of that party divided power between them and combined and proceedings among the preserves. recombined among themselves to prevent elections until the very last moment of a Parliament's legal life-which had already been lengthened, in the was, and is, a fact of politics that long Parliaments and infrequent appeals to the people enable a prevailing party to dig

itself in Thus, the "sovereignty" and, indeed, the virtual dictatorship of Parliament was exalted during the eighteenth century above the sovereignty of the people, with only the judiciary offering any serious check to it. Yet John Locke, whose poliof the thinking of the Revolu-tion, specifically asserted the people's right to break their "contract" with Parliament as in words from Lord Hailsham's speech: "The advocates of the was entered into were being undermined.

Parliament (he wrote) " being only a fiduciary power to act for certain ends, there remains still in the people a supreme power to remove or alter the legislative (ie, the legislature) when they find that the legislative act contrary to the trust reposed in them?. It is also, perhaps, worth recalling that the Revolution was itself the work of the great peers of the realm, there being no House of Commons in existence at the to it.

Ronald Butt

the preeminent part of our

why I would like to see a res-

Rights, not because it would "usurp" the sovereignty of the

Commons but because it might

both impede the fluidity of the

evolving constitution (which in a sense is always in flux) and

endanger the sovereignty of the

electorate by enabling this or

that "civil rights" movement

to exploit this or that broad constitutional statement of

noble principle to frustrate

what the electorate actually

opinion there may be about particular proposals for consti-tutional improvement, the fact

remains that those of us who

and not all those who see dan-

to sustain a Cabinet Executive

electoral reform."

Yet, whatever differences of

So it is arguable, even on the principles of the Revolution which created the dominance of he Commons, that the sovereignty of the Commons is not absolute, and that if the Commons ever chose to behave arbitrarily, the notional "con-Whig interest, to seven years. It tract" between them and the people would be as breakable as that any between a people and its Executive. But, of

course, "sovereignty", apart from the symbolic and unifying sovereignty of the Crown as the representative of the nation and the arbiter of last resort in certain rare circumstances, is always an elusive and even dangerous concept.
"Sovereignty" is not pro-

perly in any one organ of the sovereignty of Parliament ought to be made to learn . . . (the lesson) that the only sovereign in this country apart from the Queen is the people.

I would add that a House of indefinitely in such a way as to frustrate electoral opinion, or which can push through legis-lation, even of a constitutional sort, unchecked by an effec-tively constituted second chamber, runs the risk of usurping a sovereignty which is not proper

That is the electorate."

The House of Commons is

torate gives a provisional verearly reference back to them (as in 1974) should there have constitution yet it ought not to have unchecked power. This is to be a "reasonably long Parliament"? May the electorate not wisely say—make the best of this "not proven" verdict chamber with defined constitutional rights, and it is also why and ask us again in a couple of years, which is, I think, what they did in 1974? other people would like to see a Bill of Rights. I am sceprical about a Bill of

As things are now, the electorate is deliberately not being asked because the spirit of the constitution is being frustrated. Mr Rathbone thinks that the danger of the "elective dictatorship" is "horribly pertinent" to the case for electoral reform. I cannot think of a better way of enshrining an electoral dictatorship than a proportional system which always produces "hung" Parliaments, which enables mini-stries to be formed by a pro-cess in which the electorate has virtually no say, and which ensures on the eighteenth cen-tury model, that appeals to the

oppose some sort of proportional system of representation electorate are avoided when-ever possible.

Mr Francis Bennion, in an do not necessarily oppose other sorts of constitutional reform, earlier letter attacking Lord Hailsham's speech, though that gers in the present state of the was logically impossible for an elective system to be a dictatorship. How, I wonder, constitution necessarily see "electoral reform" as the would he describe a House of Commons which was deterunswer.
Mr Rathbone begged the mined to legislate to perpetuate itself indefinitely? It has hap-pened in our history, and much question in the most amazing way when he advocated a new electoral system on the grounds more recently some Labour politicians have threatened to lengthen a Parliament's life to "it can no longer be claimed that our present elec-toral method is well designed

through a reasonably long Parliament". Why, if the electorate gives a provisional versmall parties, though this why Conservative governments small parties, though this dict, which clearly invites an depends on the precise system are orten less conservation and Labour and how far it is designed to exclude extreme parties-which may be right, but can hardly the 74 per cent in a public be described as "fair". One opinion poll supporting a pro-

correspondent, Mr Stephen Lees, suggested that propor-tional representation has no inherent preference for the centre or bias against extremes, but I do not think many of its present advocates would support a system which resulted in a fair " coalition of extremists.

But fairness is a pretty

empty concept in this context.

Proportional systems may be fairer to parties, but is it much fairer to voters to give them a real choice of (say) three parties instead of two (on the Blake, or German, systems) at the price of an inability to vote for a clear-majority Parlia-ment? That is my answer to Sir Gilbert Longden, To give the voters the "real reflection" of their wishes that he wanted we would need a really proportionate system, with a profusion of small parties and the end of

the Westminster system of representation. Nobody is seriously suggesting that.

Mr Richard Holmes asks whether I think that the 60 per cent of the electorate who vote for defeated candidates have failed. To the extent that they lack a sufficiently clear consensus to promote an effective party between them, yes they have! But, of course, a wise government takes genuine note of opposition feeling (particuget their programme through.

are often less Conservative than governments are less Labour).

As for Mr Holmes's faith in portional system, it is one thing for a sample of people to say "yes" to an anodyne question which has not been argued out at the hustings, and quite enother for the electorate to vote for it after a proper debate in the country. After all, the Liberals made "electoral form' their main plank. If that is what the country basically believes we need, why doesn't it vote them to power which can do under the present system?

It is curious that, when the present system produced large and clear majorities; electoral reform was advocated because third parties were unfairly squeezed out. Now that third parties are doing quite (and even inconveniently) well, electoral reform is advocated on the grounds that third parties are making the system unworkable! The truth is that the present system has produced considerable periods of the three-party politics and coalitions in this and the last century. It has also produced long periods of clear majority governments. In other words, it has expressed changing it has expressed changing electoral needs appropriately— and what could be better? Which is not to say there is nothing wrong with the pre-

Jobs for the boys: Europe must take the risk of the 35-hour week

The recent Rome summit of 1982. The prospects in other EEC heads of government commissioned Mr Roy Jenkins to prepare proposals to deal There are three basic reawith one of Europe's most intractable social and economic rate for Europe's economies problems—the swelling tide of has been slowing down. youth unemployment. It is a problem which is easier to diagnose than to solve.

There are many reasons why the present recession in jobs has hit the under-25s hardest in every EEC country. One of the growth of automation, reason is the lack of contact substituting capital for labour between educational institu-tions and the business world a problem to which the current "great debate" on educa-tion in the United Kingdom is relevant.

A second reason is that most employers practice "last-in-first-out" redundancy policies, so that when workers have to be laid off it is usually the youngest who go first. A third reason is that more girls are unacceptably high figure of un-now competing in the labour employed, and to find jobs for market, so that there are more the extra workers coming on youngsters competing for jobs than in the past.

Fourth, legislative and trade union pressures have narrowed the gap between wages of young and adult workers, so that youthful labour is no longer cheap labour. Moreover the same forces have made it extremely costly, and in many reases very difficult, in all EEC countries for employers to sack workers. Labour is becoming increasingly a fixed rather than a variable cost. The result is that employers are becoming more reluctant to take on new workers, unless they can be absolutely certain that they will have a continuing need for them. The young are thus having to pay for the increased job security of their elders.

This means that the problem of youth unemployment cannot be solved in isolation from the overall job problem—apart from improvements, important but merginal, which can be and should be made in all EEC countries to prepare young people for work.

people for work.

So far as can be seen,
Europe is unlikely to see much improvement in its employment position until well into the 1980s. In the United Kingdom on present trends it seems entirely possible that unemployment could almost double, to about 2,500,000, by

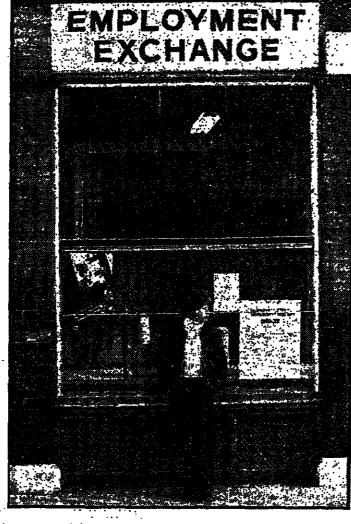
sons for this. First, the growth

Second, the numbers seeking work are rising steeply, as the products off the "baby boom" of the 1950s reach working age. Third, western Europe is increasingly feeling the effects of the growth of automation, to an enormous extent. Since productivity is increas-

ing at an accelerating rate of perhaps 4 per cent a year throughout the EEC as a whole, any rate of overall economic growth below that figure is likely to increase the numbers out of work. In-creases of substantiatly more than 4 per cent a year ere needed to reduce the present to the labour market (another million in the United Kingdom alone by 1982). Yet few fore-casters are prepared to predict that the EEC as a whole will achieve growth rates of that amount, year in year out, in the foreseeable future.

In other words, it looks as if for some years to come there will be fewer jobs available in western Europe as a whole than will be demanded—and as long as that is so, it will be the young who will find jobs harder to get. In this situation, it seems to me that we have to look very carefully at possible schemes for work sharing. This means, essentially, reductions in working hours and/or ear-

lier retirement. There must be a strong case, in present circumstances, for planning to reduce the retirement age in EEC industry straight wage increases, if we from 65 to 60 for men (to bring them into equality with women). There is an equally strong case, I believe, for planning a gradual reduction in the basic working week from gentine reduction in hours. There must be a strong case, the basic working week from



coordinate the approach of the EEC countries, in accord with the United States (which has the same problems as western Europe) and Japan. Moreover, there has to be a clear understanding with the

trade unions on two fronts. First, since a reduction in working hours will increase labour costs—as will a reduc-tion in the retirement age—it would be economic suicide to combine such a move with a rash of inflationary wage claims. Shorter working hours genuine reduction in hours worked. Employers and workers have to guarantee that the effect of a shorter basic week will not be sabotaged by compensating rises in the amount of overtime. This is not entirely new ground for the European Com-munity. In 1975 the Council of

Ministers approved a recom mendation that the 40-hour week and four weeks annual throughout the EEC by the end of 1978 (the Commission had wanted the date to be

At the time there seemed little relevance to the recommendation, but now it is clear that hours of work are moving into the centre of political dis cussion. If the Community is serious about reducing unemployment, especially among its young people, it will not be enough—though it is certainly necessary—to step up rates of

There must also be serious moves towards genuine work sharing, on the basis of shorter working hours. But this has to be done in such a way as to avoid serious economic disturbance. If governments, employers and unions find the political will to work together to achieve such an urgent, though risky, social advance, Europe will have come of age.

The spirit of the Wild West has moved into the space age

a change to go to Dallas or Fort Worth, in Texas, and find that Concorde is actually wel-come. Concorde is due to land at the giant new airport which corde.

serves both crites; perhaps
later this year. The airport are full of businessmen dediofficials look on it as an asset.

cated to the free market

The idea is that Braniff Airines crews should take over a Concorde six days a week when it arrives at Dulles Air-port, outside Washington, from London or Paris. They will then fly it subsonically to Dallas Fort Worth, where it will pick up a new load of passengers and return to Dulles. On three of the days it will fly on to London, and on the other three to Paris.

The object, of course, is to provide a quick flight to Lon-don or Paris for Texans and other westerners in a hurry. But the lesson is a deeper one than that. It is that in Texas there is a "frontier spirit" which looks to the future with unimpaired enthusiasm and is inclined to be impatient of environmental and other such restrictions.

After talking to New Yorkers ing been built for a still unde-who are totally opposed to fined future, with an automatic to be looked forward to and landings by Concorde, it makes train system to take you from planned for. In California, I train system to take you from planned for. In California, I one part to another. It is on a went to Mission Viejo, a new wide plain, far from any city, and there are no local residents to complain about Con-

> economy and sure that it is the way to continue making money. Dallas has built some striking new buildings to house the Market Centre in which wholesalers around the world can display their wares. Fort Worth, long known as a "cow-town" because of its stock-yards, now has some well designed and well stocked art

all their energy resources, tend to see the energy crisis in relatively simple terms. The solu-tion, according to the ones I met, is to push ahead on all fronts—by allowing gas prices to rise and so encouraging production, by allowing more mining of coal, by pressing ahead with nuclear power, by developing solar energy, and Local residents say they like above all by allowing prothe town because it gives them

town between Los Angeles and San Diego, built on the rolling hills that flank the Pacific. The

first people moved into Mission Viejo in 1966, but the population is expected to grow to 90,000 in the next few years. This being Southern California, houses are being built in a sort of "early California-Spanish" style. The town is planned as a whole, and all round it there are bulldozers and other heavy equipment levelling ground, houses at all stages of construction, plans being laid for schools and supermarkets. Even a large lake is being filled, with the intention that in due course it will be surrounded by houses and

be surrounded by houses and used for swimming, fishing and sailing.

The Mission Viejo Company, which is responsible for the project—and which is wholly owned by Philip Morris, the large cigarette company—says complacently that so many people want to have houses that people want to buy houses that they are chosen by lot.

It is perhaps to be expected that Texans should claim the largest airport in the world.

The Dallas-Fort Worth Airport is said to be the size of Mannia, Arizona, Texas and thattan, and the people who run it speak proudly of its hav-

people have been pouring in over the last few years. Much of it is essentially desert, and careful thought has to be given to where the population's water comes from. But neither that nor the summer heat wave has prevented the city from growing from 100,000 inhabitants in 1950 to 700,000 now.

The centre of the city is full of sleek new skystrapers, and though the outskirts are often little more than desert scrub, there are also extremely luxurious suburbs like Fountain Hills, where organ-pipe carri still grow alongside carefully watered golf course greens, and where, in an act of con-spicuous consumption, an arihighest fountain into the parched sky.

In their search for water the Arizonans have dammed the Salt River and created huge reservoirs in the strrounding mountains. They have embarked on an ambitious plan for bringing water across the mountains from the Colorado River in the west. But this plan, known as the heen much criticized a chance to put down roots. It environmentalists and others, is an identifiable community, and President Carter has drawn the fury of local office-holders by suspending federal

Peter Strafford

An occasional series on new words and new meanings

Presenting a misleading appearance

son," This otiose new intransitive verb is now indigenous in the probation service. It is an example of a common trend in the new sociologese: the inreflexive verbs. Other exam-ples are "he adjusts", "he identifies", and "he trans-lates", used intransitively.

We profane outsiders, standtemple of sociology listening to that has not attracted as high

appearance". No doubt we are wrong, and this new use conveys important new connotations and differentiations that cannot quite be conveyed by our existing vocabulary. But until the sociologists explain exactly what these new meanings are, we are bound to suspect them of being up to their pect them of being up to their old tricks of trying to hood-wink us with obscure and precentions jargon.

It is an old suspicion that ing in awe outside the new sociology, being a new science Michael Shanks the mysteries, can see little academic esteem as it would

logy is mankind and life in society. But if it uses man's ordinary language to describe its studies, it is afraid that they will be despised as elementary. However, it is not necessary to use complicated language to describe complicated thoughts. Wittgenstein and Bertrand Russell managed and Bertrand Russell managed to convey exceptionally complicated ideas in simple and lucid language. Sociologists have in fact made important new insights into the human condition. But their inveterate penchant for pretentious gobbledy-gook encourages the unkind

suspicion that all they are

6I can get you into the

Probation officers prepare documents called social inquiry reports on accused persons for the courts. These detail the childhood and career of the accused, and then go on to describe his or her personal appearance. At this point the report states: "He presents as a dull person"; or "he has a dull appearance. At this point the report states: "He presents as a bright/dull-downtrodden person." No doubt we are a bright/dull-downtrodden person." This origes new intransic. Euphemism as well as pretentiousness makes them say
"underprivileged", "disadvantaged", or "lower paid", when
a plain man would say "poor"
or "poorer" and convey the
same meaning. Sociologists are
largely responsibly for the plague of otiose situations that
rages, as in "the classroom situation". Why do they say
"ongoing" when the rest of us
say "continuing"? "The case
of" is usually superflous, and
"the existence of" is invariably or is usually superious, and the existence of is invariably superflows. To look ar something is lazy, ill-defined, and vague, when we could examine. re-examine, appraise, re-appraise, or simply think about it.

Philip Howard

The Times Diary

Backing the losing side once more

To lead an undercover existence and to try to promote a book tise this espect of his visit. He at the same time is to be in a goes round with a friend, situation fraught with contra- Enrique Rodriguez, one told diction. "Robinson is never lare", said the man from Harper and Row, his publisher. as we climbed the stairs to his office for our appointment. Yet as we waited 20 minutes for the elusive author to arrive, the publisher confessed that he could not telephone him, because he did not know where he was staying.

Robinson Rojas Sandford is a Chilean Maoist. His book, The Murder of Allende, is pub-lished next week. It describes the death of the Chilean Presidear in elaborate detail, and documents the American involvement in the military coup during which he was shot.

After the coup, Rojas (he uses his second name as his surname) took refuge in the Pacamanian embassy before being given a safe conduct to the airport. But he believes the Chilean "fascists" would like to get their hands on him, and fears the vigilance of their secret police.

The publishers like to dramame as we awaited their arrival.
"More of a bodyguard, really",
corrected the other, conspiratorially. In 1974, about a year after

the coup, Rojas went to China to work on the Peking Review, and left only a few weeks ago. He does not expect to return, because he supported the losing side, the Gang of Four, in the power sunggle following Chairman Mao's death.

"I lost in 1973", he said balefully. "And then four years later I have lost again."

society rather than in a capital structure was a successful coup. The army and the bureaucracy will probably settle in Spain to took power. The Chinese working class, like the Chilean working class, lost power."

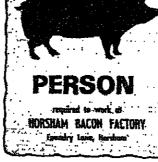
But in China, according to secret police", he explained, Rojas's analysis, it was a long smiling nervously.

process. The coup last October was just the last chapter of a long drama that began in 1971 after Lin Piao's death. It was not a sudden thing."

Another Chilean parallel, he believes, is in the roles of General Pinochet and Chairman (though he insists on calling him Mister) Hua. Both men were piaced in office, he maintains, by people more powerful than themselves, but then proceeded to exert the power of their office to an extent which surprised those who had put them in it.

"Mr Hu is the general representative of the new bureau-cratic class", Rojas says. "He was put there by senior people in the army and Ministry of Defence, and by others like Teng Hsain-Ping. But now there is a struggle for power between Teng and Hua."

But this, he stressed, was an internal struggle among the bureaucrats. The only way to resolve the more important He draws a surprising paral-lel between what happened in Chile and what has just hap-pened in China. "It is the same phenomenon but in a socialist that it was already beginning. will probably settle in Spain to do it, though he declines to be specific. "I don't want to make



This advertisement from the West Sussex County Times illustrates the special problems of identification encountered by those who live in remote and unpopulated rural areas.

This England

The silver jubilee promotion which is likely to be seen by most visitors to Britain this year is centred not on modern royalty but on William Shakespeare. Selfridge's have trans-formed their fourth floor exhibition area into an Elizabethan village, with shops and market stalls given an olde worlde look with simulated beams and medieval lettering. From the end of the month until September, many of the store's windows are to feature

characters from Shakespeare's

plays. Some stiff tableaux of stationery costs, wasted mailing conspiring Romans and doting is a big drain on company prolovers are already on display

In the Elizabethan village yesterday an old-fashioned cobbler was sewing shoes called Moccasin Wallabees from machine-cut parts, A stall information is gathered and any was offering severe plastic necessary amendments, additions of Elizabeth II and rather tions or deletions, are made friendlier ones of Henry VIII and two of his less well-known wives. The Elizabethan tavern sold wrapped "overfilled American sandwiches".

There were also a group of players in puff panes and baggy hose, who are to be appearing regularly for the next six months performing extracts from Shakespeare's plays. Yesterday they had chosen pieces involving Sir Toby Belch and Sir Andrew Aguecheek from Twelfth Night, and Kate and Petruchio from The Taming of the Shrew. A peculiar way

Heal thyself

Three identical envelopes arrived on the desk of the company secretary of The Times last week. They all contained a copy of a brochure from Inter-mail Ltd entitled "Cut your

wasted mailings?". for the second day running. terest belt right addresses?", it asked team includes a man each from credings is with the constant threat of both the London and Paris viding processes the coupled with ever increasing of whom was detained by the Belgrade.

fits.
"Here at Intermail lists are the highest posmaintained to the highest pos-posible standard of accuracy by our own experienced research ceam. Every available source of

daily."

The brochures were mailed to the Sales Promotion Manager and the Group Publicity Manager of Times Newspapers, and the Sales Promotion Manager for the Thomson Organization. None of these people exists.

Two wrongs There were mixed pickings in

Strasbourg yesterday for the eight Russian journalists and broadcasters who have been taking a close interest in the proracted Anglo-Irish torture case, now approaching its final stages. During the morning the Russians occupied their usual seats inside the spacious European Court of Human Right, raking conjous press while the spacious and the spacious conjous press and the space of taking copious notes, while a Soviet cameraman filmed the uninspiring tableau of British and Irish lawyers, black-robed judges and foreign journalists for the second day running.



ing visit to Belfast British officials believe that the in-terest being shown in the often dry and legalistic court proceedings is with a view to pro-viding propaganda for the forth-coming East-West conference in

Later in the afternoon the oot switched to the other foot when a group in the European Parliament called a press conference in the gleaming new building next to the court. The subject was human rights, and the star speaker was Andrei Amalrik, the dissident Soviet historian and former inmate of a Siberian prison camp now exiled to The Netherlands where he holds a post at Usecht University.

A few of the Soviet reporters were spotted in the crowded conference room as the bespectacled Amalrik launched a bitter attack in Russian on the bifter attack in Russian on the lack of human rights in the USSR. Much of his invective was reserved for the plan to hold the Olympic Games in Moscow in 1980 while "thousands of people" were being held in property than the start of their thousands of people were being the start of their thousands of their than the start of the start of their than the start of the start o held in camps because of their political views. Brinish reporters had little doubt which of the two Strasbourg stories would get more prominence in the Russian papers.

The Prime Minister was in his sented the British Press Awards in London yesterday, "I come here", he told the guests, "with mingled apprehension and exhilaration—what Mr Biggs must have felt when he went aboard

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a Special Report

Country always in season

ist Office, is confident that this is only a temporary setback. He says: "The winter season is running well. We look forward with optimism

Austria has a special appeal for the conference politically, pursuing a policy of "active neutrality" and thus attracts world leaders. It has the facilities to accommodate large international conferences, in Vienna's looking for instance, and is looking to the future with the stable politically, pursuing a policy of "active neutrality" and has responded to Vienna's over-capacity by organizing the conferences over-capacity by organizing the for some of many Americans. But for some years the tourist board has helped about a hundred couples a year from all over the world who get married there in the

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The Vienna Tourist Board

It has the facilities to accommodate large international conferences, in Vienna's Hofburg for instance, and is looking to the future with self-confidence in building a new Austrian conference hall on the site of the United Nations City which will house the limited Nations Industrial for botels and pensions in the city, where larger hotels about a hundred couples a about a hundred couples a bout a hundred couples a who get married there in the marble hall of the Mirabell Palace.

No favouritism can be married there in the marble hall of the Mirabell Palace.

For those to be married in Salzburg the city tourist board nas neiped about a hundred couples a who get married there in the marble hall of the Mirabell Palace.

For those to be married in Salzburg the city tourist office will arrange the stag party, the wedding reception.

Austria, like Spain, used to be considered an inexpensive country to visit. This is only partly rive nowadays with some 780 farmhouses and hotels listed where one pays £2 to £3 a person a night.

The package tour operators hotels of the cost price for the individual. But in the main—with the falling pound and the strengthening of the schilling—it may be said that, for British tourists, Austria is expensive and is becoming more so despite its low inflation rate of 7 per cent a year.

Tourism is the most important item on the export side in the balance of trade, Last year ic covered \$4 per cent of the deficit in the balance of trade, and the year before 90 per cent.

Though there was a smaller spas and towns are becoming concerned with providing meeting halls for delegates who can enjoy the particular attractions they offer the ordinary tourist.

Austria is fortunate in having an all-the-year-round season. It can offer sking in the Austrian National Tourist fing, riding, and mountaineers in the summer in addition, many of its cities have a sumfail that this is only a state of trade.

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Though there was a small drop in tourist figures last year—I per cent—Or Helmust Lindsed there is a danger of over-capacity; in Vienna, for instance, no turber government aid is the limit of the Austrian National Tourist government and of further government and is the limit of the Austrian National Tourist figures last year for new hotels.

The tourist office organizes (now in its second year) for the first conditions and the perators of the contract of the contra

The tourist office organizes of Rubens drawings in their an annual tourist exchange (now in its second year) of schlosses (castles) and Few cities have done more than Salzburg to promote their romantic appeal. The city is still the backcloth of

Nations City which will house the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and the International Atomic Energy Agency.

It is also a country used for sensitive talks such as the Cyprus conference. Geographically the country is at the important crossroads between East and West. No wonder then that places ranging from ski resorts to of those needing visitors. Though the hoteliers may party, the wedding reception, order the photographer and the bouquets, make the hair appointment and book the country is at the important crossroads between East and West. No wonder then that places ranging from ski resorts to of those needing visitors. Though the hoteliers may party, the wedding reception, order the photographer and the bouquets, make the hair appointment and book the couple of the price-reductions not only in hotels but among jewellers and florists. Nearly all the bride-transition of those needing visitors.

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Getting results with gemütlichkeit

by Annelise Schulz

Inevitably, all discussions on the merits of Vienna as a conference centre start with reminiscences about the Congress of Vienna, that famous gathering of 1814-15 in the sparkling capital of the Austrian Empire, one of the four powers which overthrew Napoleon.

The Austrians say it was Lord Castlereagh, the British Foreign Minister, who proposed Vienna as the most suitable venue for the meeting entrusted with working out the post-Napoleonic political order in Europe. The balance of power decided at the congress remained fairly intact until the First World War, yet it was above all the magnificent hospitality of office, bank and exchange the Austrian court and the counter, post office, mean to the simultaneous plantes, incurance companies, dicticians, and the substantas, insurance companies, dicticians, and the simultaneous plantes, insurance companies, dicticians, and the substanta, insurance companies, dicticians, and the substantaneous plantes, dicticiants, and the substantaneous plantes, dicticiants, and the substantaneous plantes, dicticiants, and th

quote "le congrès s'amuse rooms. Visitors walk up the grand red-carpeted staircase tria of today, people still love this image of their capital as a place of gaiety and merrymaking where results are achieved in a delegates, occasionally serves as a baliroom.

Much of the imperial splendour has disappeared, but there is still a special ambiance thanks to the remaining architectural and art treasures, the cultural events and scenic beauties which attract visitors.

What is more, the Vien
Toms. Visitors walk up the grand red-carpeted staircase rooms. Visitors walk up the grand red-carpeted staircase thanks to feerand house of the places for up to 1,100 delegates, Favourite places for smaller gatherings are several houses of the nobility like the Palais Pallavicini and the Palais Pallavicini and the Palais Pallavicini and the Palais Schwarzenberg overlooking the Belve-dere Palace Gardens, or Palais Auersperg with its overly winter garden.

There are also a number of modern conference halls burg premises from the municipality or by indus-

technical equipment.

Centre was opened in 1958 at the Hofburg centre are in the former state and reception rooms of the palace, among them the Throne Room, the Privy Council Chamber, the Festive Chamber Chamb val Hall, and the Knights size and duration. chamber. Their outward in 1976, 460 conference make the most of renowned institutions like the Vienna orations and painted ceiling individual events which like the Vienna orations and painted ceiling individual events which Riding School, the Vienna orations and painted ceiling individual events which Riding School, the Vienna lings remained almost unitariously in different halls. changed.
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magnificent hospitality of office, bank and exchange the Austrian court and the counter, post office, messagy social life which were senger service, newspaper remembered by history stand, cigarette and souwith Talleyrand's famous venir shops, and cloak rooms. Visitors walk up the grand red-campeted staircase conference

This Hofburg Congress is an important client. Centre.

Centre was opened in 1958 at the Washington

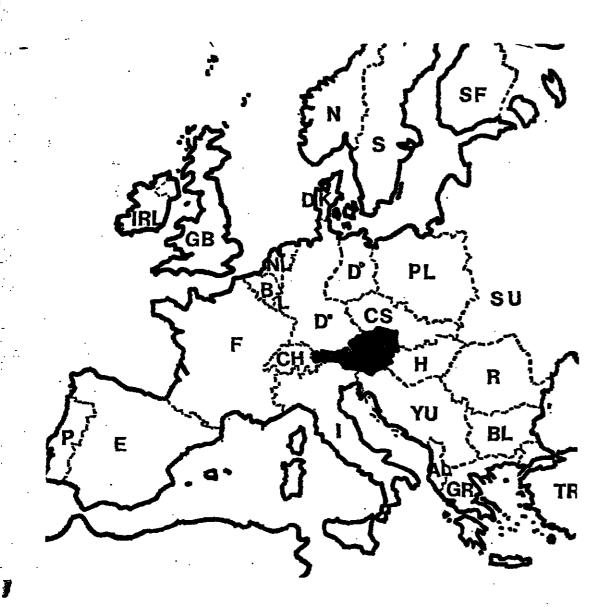
trian shopping zone.
The Hofburg premises are

which attract visitors.
What is more, the Viennese had the good sense to establish an international congress centre inside the former Habsburg Winter Palace, combining background with modern leading to the facilities.

burg premises from the in buildings owned by the municipality or by industrial and trade associations. Vienna has its own Congress Office with complete rental as other institutions service for 27 different locations with 128 conference background with modern language.

In fact, the Government size, outside the Hofburg In fact, the Government size, outside the Hofburg

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38.1% (1875: +1.330 billion or 36.6%).
reaching a total of A.S. 6,600 billion in the

Turnover in Austrian Schillings
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on behalf of customers
Turnover in securities

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Turnover in securities
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The number of accounts and sale cust accounts rose from 530,000 to 585,700.

Net Interest Income totalled A.S. 793.6 million, an increase of 26% over fast year. While the gain in credit volume and massive investments in securities had the effect of valsing interest income, there was note the less the tendency for interest margins to move lower.

Commissions yielded A.S. 447.0 million (1975: 428.8 million). The relatively small gain of A.S. 182 million or 43% 1975: -42.0 million or 16.9%) was due to a lower level of commission income from credit transactions as a result of competition.

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and the high rate of credit expansion outpaced the progress in new deposits. Taken
as a whole, the results for 1976 were satisfactory.

factory.

An increase in capital entailing cash payments of Austrian Schillings 540 million strengthened our capital base in the first transaction of this kind since the end of World War II.

Further Rise in Balance Sheet Total The balance sheet total reached A.S. 65.5 billion, an increase of A.S. 9.2 billion or 16.3% (1875: +13.7 billion or 32.2%).

Outside Funds A.S. 61.6 Billion
Total Habilities at A.S. 51.6 billion were
higher by A.S. 8,175 million or 15.3% compared with the 1975 year-end total of
A.S. 53.4 billion (1975: ÷13.672 million or
A.4.4%). Foreign currency deposits by foreign
banks accounted for 23.4% (1975: 20.7%).

Landerbank Bends of 1978
An additional A.S. 440 million in new Issues brought the aggregate amount of bonds issued by our bank to A.S. 2.2 billion, with one funded bond issue in the total principal amount of A.S. 400 million accounting for the bulk of the volume of new issues.

Total Lending to 24.7%
The commercial credit volume (advances and discounts) expanded by A.S. 6.3 billion of 24.7% (1975: +4.0 billion of 18.3%) to A.S. 32.2 billion atter A.S. 32.8 billion in the previous year New credit commitments totalled A.S. 8.4 billion, but borrowings under the new facilities did not reach their peak until the second half of the year.

Further Expension in Money and Foreign
Carrency Transactions
Fundà were abundantly available in the
domestic money markel in the first half of,
1976, but grew scarcer in the last quarter
of the year, Relignacting facilities offered by
the Austrian National Bank were utilized to
a greater extent than before.
In the International exchange markets, trading

Transactions

As a result of the favourable conditions prevailing on the Vienna Stock Exchange and in the capital market, the volume of socurities transactions rose by 77.5% (1975: +10.0%). The issue of new shares by Creditnanstall-Bankverein and by our bank were examples of the largest transactions of this kind to be undertaken for years. There was a lively response from investors, and considering the large number of subscriptions received, the transaction may be described as a special

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	Participations	988	811	+ 177
	Deptors	24,484	19,580	$\pm 4,904$
	institutions	17,079	17,483	- 404
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	Own securities	7.851	4.693	+3.158
	Federal treasury bills	1.266	1.369	- 103
	Bills of exchange	7.761	6.286	+1.475
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Own Resources A.S. 2,178 Million
Own resources reached a total of A.S. 2,170 million compared with A.S. 1,583 million 1975. The increase in capital from A.S. 600 million, together with the premium produced A.S. 540 million in new funds. Of the profit, an allocation of A.S. 92 million was made to reserves.

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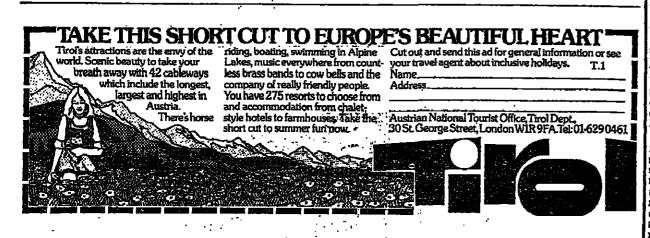
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Three vie for main meeting trade

by Pieter Zwart

Austria is becoming more aware of its potential as a place for conferences. It has 23 conference centres stretching from the Alos bordering Switzerland in the west to the plains near Vienna bordering Eastern Europe. Two important ones, Innsbruck and Salzburg, have a purpose-built Kongresshaus, and vie with Vienna for the main conference trade.

The Kongresshaus in Salzburg is a plain, functional building erected in the post-war austerity period and opened in 1957. It has been enlarged since then further expansion is unlikely. The Kongresshaus in Innsbruck is an imaginative building incorporating the fine arches of an old customs hall with a twentieth-century aluminium roof.

Salzburg's conference centre is situated on the edge of the Kur garden overlooking the Mirabell castle with its baroque garden neatly laid out to the south. It is within easy walking distance of the central horels, and near Salzburg's old town with its Romanesque squares and fountains, its beroque churches, and arcaded shops off the main shopping street—the Getreidegasse.

> Wealth of signs in street

The Mirabell gardens, Salzburg, overlooked by the castle.

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Peaks of success

by John Young

My first visit to Austria was gastronomic sunshine.

perience until then had been The answer, I think, lies limited to the frozen slopes partly in the sheer beauty of Canada, the soaring of the place. The Alpine regions of France, Switzers deep him structure against land and Lialy have their a deep blue sky, the scent share a deep blue sky, the scent share of speciacular of flowers and the Mediter-scenery, but whereas skiing ranean summer sending resorts in those three counadvance signals over the tries often appear cold, high passes, the outdoor harsh and artificial, the cafes with sunburnt figures same each of applied the cafes with sunburnt figures same sort of environmental

Those were heady days indeed. Our two-week package
holiday, including return air
fare, hotel and all meals
had cost each of us something under £40. Demicarafes of wine were shout has been Austria advertised itself, both in brochures and by mouth,

the opposite direction.

Today the humbled pound dominate the country and buys something like 29sch, and Austria has lost its claim to be in British eyes

One of the best bargains in fetched, but I believe it to the the explanation of why a

The fact that it continues, none the less, to attract skiers in their tens of thousands speaks volumes for the country's enduring profit from tourists, even in appeal. A typical fortnight some instances to exploit may well cost about £200, them, but that is not their raison d'être. It is part of and entertainment; it is by no means uncommon to be transitory way of life, which excharge fift pesses may be \$\frac{2}{2}\$ even the dullest visitor can sense. \$\frac{2}{2}\$ for more, Yet the charter flights are fuller changed. To the long-established resorts which have always been among the

The secret of that appeal finest in Europe—St Anton, is more elusive. It is not—Lech, Kitzbuhel and Obersurely cannot be—that over. gurgl, for example—have worked, heavy-handed jolking been added literally exemplified in those excrubing dozen or so I have visited when the seamingly endless in the part 16 were. Sail. when the seemingly endless in the past 16 years, Saal-shapping of lederhosen-clad bach and Isongl remain par-thighs is only brought to its neutrally happy memories, welcome end by a scene of But resorts change and so horseplay with cream cakes do people; the best may yet which seems to embarrass lie ahead.

even the performers. Ru comparison motris dancing looks like the Royal Ballet.

Nor again can it lie in in the early spring of 1961. Austrian food tends to be We left London in a rain-dull, heavy, sickly or all sodden gale and arrived a three. By contrast the local couple of hours later at Innstruck—at that time still and heady, and there is always schoapps, that considered "safe" by com- guaranteed morale raiser on mercial airlines—in blazing cold, overcast afternoons at the top of a particularly of one whose skiing ex-

cares with suntum indiday genius that created their drinks were unforgenably great and glorious capital

A skiing centre in France, planned and efficient, may somehow fail to harmonize thing under £40. Demithing under £40. Demithan been unable to match
carafes of wine were about
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pass about £8. The pound seem to grow naturally out
bought no fewer than 80sch of their surroundings, extenbought advertised itself, sions of nature rather than
avertia advertised. with its surroundings; man has been unable to match

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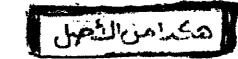
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plays at 7 and 11 am and at 6 pm. It was built in 1702 in the time of Archbishop Johann Ernst Thun, and is installed in a tower in Residenzplatz opposite the Renaissance Residenz, town house of the prince-bishops of Salzburg. The 35 bells were cast in Antwerp and the tunes played are taken from the works of Mozart, Haydn and Weber. Each recital is followed by another from the 200-pipe barrel organ in the fortress, the Hohensalzburg Festung. Storks nesting on a

The view from inside

Salzburg's carillon across

the town. The glockenspiel



chimney in Rust, one of the small towns of Burgenland on the shore of the Neusiedlersee. Storks have become almos the hallmark of Rust where the inbabitants often arrange special platforms to help nesting. Although beside a freshwater lake, Rust has very much the character of a seaport, including a fishermen's church with model ships. It is also the centre of the Burgenland wine-growing region. Most of the growers sell their own wine, displaying over their doors the evergreen branch from which comes the old expression " good wine needs no bush "

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Wine, water and Weber

by John Higgins

On Saturdays and Sundays ream of cars returning to ream of cars returning to vienna's own Festwochen of May. There are normally start on the last weekend of May. There are heading in the opposite speeches outside the town direction. Many of those hall on Saturday evening going back to town will have followed by Strauss and firespent their day on the works—the Thunder and winners from previous years in the bank: its superb Don Carlos, with last year's cast Austria's frontier with Hun. appropriate. Austria's frontier with himgary, gorging on eels from
the take or the fogas fish
mought across the border.
This eastermost province, cert which alternates bedirigentand, provides some tween the city's two main
of the best eating in the
minity and some of the best
drinking too from the vines
at the base of the Leitergebirge.

This warm havener the

in Europe in comming user. Figure. The second right of a single operated a year, May 14 is also the opening this year's production being night of the festival which Paul Abraham's Viktoria and runs until the end of June.

Mörbisch is operetta. The Wien, the house in which the

house on Bank holiday Monday, and the one hotel on the peninsula is not devoted to early closing. Nor indeed are the Stuben back in Mörbisch itself, where it is possible to eat and drink by the side of the oleanders well

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... Chipitions

He takes some of his singers from Vienna's Volksoper and most of his dancers from Hungarian State Ballet. It is no surprise that Der Zigeumerbaron, the work by Johann Strauss which speans both countries, is Mörbisch's favourite operetta.

that Der Zigeunerbaron, the work by Johann Strauss which spans both countries, is Mörbisch's favourite operation.

Austria's other important Seebulme, or lake stage, is at the far end of the country in Bregenz. This town on the Swiss border is less trusting aboort dew weather than Mbrisch and Forchtenstein and makes sure that a proportion of its performances take place indoors in the Theater am Korusmarkt.

Donizetti's La Favorita operation of Europe's festivals.

Tonizetti's La Favorita operation of its performances take place indoors in the Theater am Korusmarkt.

Donizetti's La Favorita operation of its performances take place indoors and the same or clear with Francesco Molinari-pradelli conducting the Sienandest and most rewarding of Europe's festivals. The city is rarely without missing of the year there is modown and the same or have the same out to doors, weather permitting. Oberon, the opera which he composed for Covent Garden, is the 1977 choice for the lake and advance skerches of Todi Rusinger's sers suggest that he has made good use of the weather setting of the watery setting for Weber's serious which has made good use of the watery setting for Weber's serious control of the watery setting for Weber's serious which has been shape made good use of the watery setting for Weber's serious which has been shape made good use of the watery setting for Weber's area for the summer water or stage for the summer which has made good use of the watery setting for Weber's serious which has been shaped and the summer water or to be guite and trained to an or stray in one place wall travel by train or air to farmhouses can cost £2 to 15, and occasionably less.

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Tchaikovsky's Sleeping next door has a new Don Beauty. There has been talk Giovanni conducted by the of staging Johann Strauss's veteran Karl Bohm and profirst operetta, Indigo, later duced by Jean-Pierre Ponnelle, who has had a long nelle, who has had a long the stagistics.

This year, however, Hering to the Vienna will
almost certainly be heading
for a small village at
Austria's southernmost tip of
the Neusiedlersee, Mörbisch.
The festival there generally
starts on the last Saturday in
July and runs on weekends
until the beginning of September. It is probably unique
in Europe in confining itself
This year, however, Hering to the Vienna State
Opera for the first time since
his disagreement with the
house more than a decade
go. He has his own festival
starting on May 8 when he
will conduct three performances each of Boheme, Trotember. It is probably unique
in Europe in confining itself
Figuro. The second Figuro on
may 14 is also the opening At the Theater an der

Mörbisch is operetta. The cars and coaches thread their way through the narrow streets of the town, watched by the storks who find good fishing in this part of Anstria. 'A causeway leads over rushes and water to the store of the lake.

Morbisch enjoys itself. The cafe at the entrance to the operair theatre dispenses its drinks, mainly quarter litres of white wine, faster than a Hampstead Heath public fourse on Bank holiday Mon-

dorbasch itself, where it is ossible to eat and drink by the side of the oleanders well at the might.

This most easterly of between central Europe and unstria's festivals was the countern Ralkans.

The visitor who wants for riding, fishing and walk-something more than the ing in this region, but it is mass-produced holiday product is wise to do the same.

First, this is the way to out.

Costs among the highest

Carlos, with last year's cast almost intact, remains in the large house; Cosi fan tutte, again with its cast main-

and upstairs in the Felsen-reitschule Mozart's last opera

La Clemenza di Tito stays on from the previous festival.

The author is Arts Editor,

Immediately the Vienna weeks end the Carinthian summer begins. The performances are for the most part shared between Ossiach and them away to the country.

The vertex water than the average to British visitors are the water than the average to British visitors are the br them away to the country.

Austria's festivals was created a couple of decades ago by Herbert Ahlsen, a distinguished operatic bass in Neusiedlersee until he found the right corner for his purposes and his care has been horestos by Metastasio, are rewarded with audiences of the words of the same operations. The order two operas, both of which have the rarities: Mozard's La Betulia liberata and Gluck's Le cintage of the same. First, this is the way to out strip the main tourist crowds. Second, the natural of Salzburg and Upper Austria—Attersee, Traunsee, worth while—a small Mondsee and Wolfgangsee—country rich in mountains, lakes, forests and rivers of suprising variety. Lastly schools exist on all these this is the cheapest kind of independent holiday.

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Businger's sets suggest that the river Salzach has been the has made good use of the swollen by the ice which has have made good use of the watery setting for Weber's tale of chivalry in the Near visitors wait for the summer factors.

by Penelope Turing type of alpine summer holiday.

But once away from the From alpine meadows in commercialized resorts there is ample scope for

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happy about this than the
Austrian tourist officials), on its borders and Klagenbut by staying out in the
country in inns, private
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can be cut quite dramatically. Bed and breakfast in
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province which belies its name by having great areas of mountain and forest, and possesses much of Austria's

watery setting for Weber's rise of watery setting for Weber's tale of chivalry in the Near East.

The other big events at Bregenz this year will be a important new opera product series of concerts by the trions. Karajan himself directs by, among others, Kondrashin and conducts Symphony conducted and conducts Symphony conducted and conducts by, among others, Kondrashin Solome with the young Gerand Scheniderhahn, and a man soprano Hiddegard visit in August by the Russelferms in the title role; sian Baller Company of That is in the large Festspleiperm, which is bringing haus. The smaller auditorium

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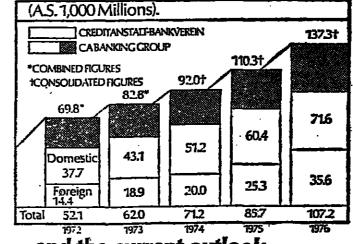
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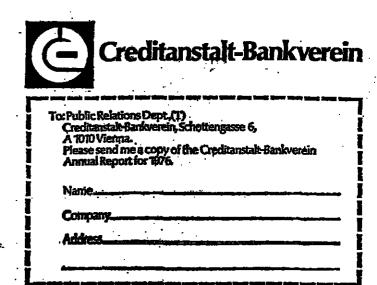
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Capital and Reserves	5.688 + 32.6%	7.058 + 28.6%
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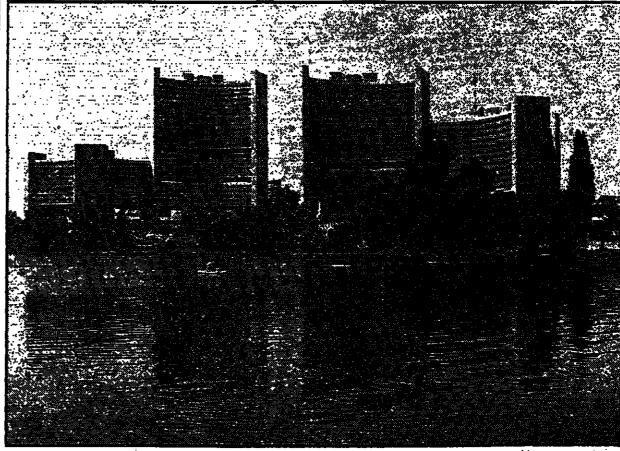
Dishes both varied and subtle

Styria, the third smallest vineyard area, has its vines cultivated on steep, sunny slopes, and produces a wide range of styles from many different grape varieties. New on the market here is the delightful dry Styrian Goldene Sudlese (from the Austrian Wine Club at £1.35 a bottle).

Dining out in Austria visitors are often surprised by the variety and subtlety of the dishes available on weather, one can start with some delicious soups, rang-ing from good home-made bouillon (often with an egg in it) to the filling liver dumpling soup, and the piquant Goulaschsuppe, so rich you can stand a spoon in it, and a meal on its own

Two Austrian restaurants in central London, the Ker-zenstubel and the Old Vienna, both have their own versions of that favourite mushrooms deep fried like scampi, served with tartare by Pieter Zwart

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United Nations City in Vienna, scheduled to open next year, will house the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and the International Atomic Energy Agency.

United Nations City comes to town

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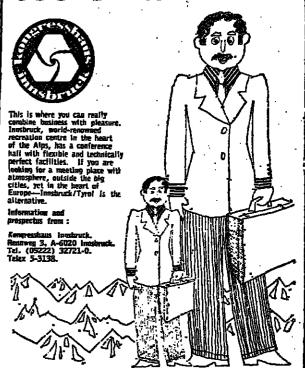
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Schlossberg.

Connoisseurs in Austria particularly appreciate those mine outside the door, It is only a short train Vintners' Museum.

Vienna alone has several thousand restaurants, ions, cellars, and cafés, and for the visitor some of the most intriguing are the Kellerlokale, wine rooms in ancient vaulted cellars, often in his toric premises. If you want to escape fellow tourists, look for a Beisel—the Austrian counterpart to the Birtish public house—where you can find some of the modest local dishes rarely listed on menus catering for tourists.

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Austrian industry in an Austrian setting-Linz: the Stickstoffwerke A.G.

In 1975 Austria found itself on the brink of the worldwide recession: In 1975 Austria found itself on the brink of the worldwide recession; those responsible for the country's conomic policy were faced with exactly the same problems as their counterparts in other western industrialized countries. Many of the latter reacted to the situation with restrictive monetary measures which produced a sharp increase in unemployment whilst leaving the inflationary situation little, if ar all, improved. A side-effect of such measures was in many countries a worsening of relations between employers and employees in industry, culminating in strikes and the adoption of radical political anundes.

Priority: Job security

In spite of warnings voiced by theoretical economists, Austria decided in agreement with the banking system and representatives of both sides of industry to give priority to securing jobs. At the same time, substantial public funds were invested to support the mation's economy.

The success of these measures was noted with great interest by economic experts everywhere. With unemployment running ar only 2% and despite a 2% fall in economic growth, Austria managed, against all forecasts, to reduce the rate of increase in prices of consumer goods from the 1974 level of 9.5% to 8.4% in 1975, while negotiated wages rose 19.1% in the same year. When in 1976 this was followed by a further growth of 4.5% in GNP and a 10% rise in wages, the inflation rate declined by a further percentage point to 7.3%. All this took place without industrial conflict; the amount of time spent in strikes per capita of the Austrian labour force was 1.5 minutes in 1974 and only 1 minute in 1975.

A new institution

In March 1957, a temporary standstall to growth in the country's economy led Austrian economists to conclude that the purely mechanical processes of a classically run national economy were no longer adequate to cope with the problems arising.

The representatives of employers and employees in Austria realized as long as 20 years ago that a stable economic situation could only be created by means of a permanent dialogue between both sides of industry and with a great deal of voluntary self-control. The logical result of this was the setting up of the Commission for Prices and Wages which met for the first time in March 1957 and is almost unique in the world as a means of regulating the conflict of interests between employers and

A neutral forum

The Commission is an entirely voluntary forum in which representatives of both sides of industry are able to put their views objectively to each other on neutral ground with a view to giving both sides a fair hearing. The Commission's own council also draws up analyses of economic policy and prepares recommendations for the government.

The Commission meets regularly in the Federal Chancellory in Vienna under the chairmanship of the Federal Chancellor or Minister for Trade. Apart from officials of the Ministries for Internal Affairs, Trade, Industry Apart from ordicals of the Ministries for Internal Arians, Trade, Industry and Commerce and of the Ministry for Social Administration, the Commission includes two representatives and one expert from the statutory body representing trade, industry and commerce, the Federal Chamber of Industry and Trade, from the Council of the Chambers of Labour, the

statutory representative of most Austrian employees, and from the Presidential Conference of Chambers of Agriculture, which is the umbrelia organization for all chambers of agriculture, the bodies which represent Austrian farmers. The meetings of the Commission are also attended by a similar number of representatives of the Austrian Trades Union Federation. The Commission holds special meetings to discuss matters of economic policy which are then also attended by other Ministers responsible for such matters—particularly the Finance Minister, as also the Governor of the National Bank and the head of the Economic Research Institute.

The power of voluntary action

The Commission did not come into being as the result of a law. It did so in accordance with a decision of the Council of Ministers of 12th March 1957 which merely invited the four associatious mentioned to pay particular attention to wage and price trends and to examine the justification for price and wage increases in macroeconomic terms on a joint commission. However, because there is no legal basis for the institution of the Commission, its findings cannot be formulated in a binding manner either directly, ie for the associations represented on the Commission, or indirectly, for the members of the associations. Thus are mission, or indirectly, for the members of the associations. Thus any recommendations of the Joint Commission are only to be understood as Verwendungszussigen (assents) in the meaning of Article 880 of the Austrian

The only possible form of sanction—although this has never been used so far—is for the Joint Commission to have certain goods and services included in the government schedule of price controls for a maximum period of six months on the basis of an existing law relating to price

In practice, the work of the Joint Commission is based on the repre-In practice, the work of the joint Commission is based on the representative associations submitting applications for a proposed price increase or for the go-ahead for wage or salary negotiations. These are then dealt with by two permanent subcommittees of the joint Commission, Important decisions taken by the subcommittees are in all cases made known to the full meeting of the Commission. The Commission as a whole also considers questions of fundamental importance, particularly when any change in wages or working conditions might give rise to applications for price rises.

When the Austrian economy was in the process of rapid expansion between 1960 and 1973, it was due to the work of the Joint Commission that wages and prices did not spiral too rapidly. In times of recession, the collaboration achieved between both sides of industry in the framework of the Joint Commission supported government measures to protect jobs, ensuring that funds invested to halt shrinking production figures did not result in an unreasonable rise in costs and hence in a reduced ability of Austrian industry to compete on world markets dominated

The enormous progress which the work of the Joint Commission represents lies in the fact that it provides a platform for representatives of both employees and employers to discuss together their various indistives, without affecting the duty of its members, one outside the forum of the Commission, to continue to defend the interests of their

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NO HELP FROM PATRIOTIC FRONT

It is too soon to say that Mr Mugabe and Mr Nkomo have doused the hopes discussed 50 cheerfully in the House of Commons yesterday after Dr Owen's report on his African negotiations. But their immediate reactions are not encouraging, for they suggest that Dr Owen has entirely failed to move them from the positions they took up at Geneva which largely contributed to the failure of that conference. They now reject, or at least see no relevance in. Anglo-American co-sponsorship of another conference, this time on an independence constitution. They insist that the only Africans who can be parties to it are the representatives of those who fight—that is, themselves—and they reiterate that their business

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is with Britain alone. This is not an outright rejec-tion of a conference, but it repeats their old contentionthat it is for Britain to agree with them, and them alone, how and when to hand over Rhodesia, after disposing of Mr Smith by means it is not for the Africans to prescribe. If Britain will not (the Africans decline to admit that Britain cannot) the war

That is not the conference Dr Owen was describing to the House of Commons. He insists that it can only succeed if all the parties are represented, and of the Patriotic Front leaders he said "I attach immense importance to their cooperation, were we to call a conference. This was one of the reasons why I not

mission, but went to see all the frontline presidents, includ-Mozambique and President Neto in Angola." Presumably he is not unprepared for this initial unhelpfulness. But evidently the first of the prepared. first of the preparatory discussions that he envisages must be to get them to adopt a new attitude, with the help of the presidents now meeting in Luanda to discuss intensification

of the war.

The most obvious argument to put to them is that their inflexibility may help Mr Smith. The Rhodesians may indeed be more cooperative now they see Mr Mugabe and Mr Nkomo being difficult, if only as a matter of tactics. This is foreshadowed by Mr Vorster's comment that if Dr Owen fails it will not be the fault of the white Rhodesians. Under Dr Owen's plans, Mr Smith loses nothing by participating in the preparatory talks, right up to and even into the conference if Dr Owen can stage it, and he may feel he gains quite a lot.

One such gain is a measure of recognition—a British mission of sorts in Salisbury, perhaps a Rhodesian one in London, an excellent venue for promoting the idea that the Rhodesians are being reasonable, and the idea that it is the Patriotic Frontmanipulated of course by the communists for their worldwide objectives-who are not. Mr Smith had some success with that line in Geneva. He can do all this and yet, as Dr Owen indionly saw them early on in my cated, remain with a veto until

he sees not only the shape of the independence constitution but also of the caretaker regime. Until he resigns nothing happens.

The other advantage of negotiating is to build up credit with Mr Vorster and more especially, as Mr Smith certainly hopes, with President Carter. If Messrs Nkomo and Mugabe can be shown to wreck a peaceful settlement under the Owen plan for communist reasons, his whole approach to politics suggests that he would hope to pin some moral obligation, as well as diplomatic necessity, on President Carter to support him in the next phase.

Dr Owen made a good case for his plan to abandon the abortive negotiations on the Kissinger plans for the interim stage and move to the creation of an independence constitution for Zimbabwe which would so commend itself by its safeguards for the minorities, and freedom for the majority, that the "interim" arrangements would be relatively easy. But it is much easier to draw up such a constitution on paper than to persuade the whites that the blacks would not tear it up immediately after independence, or the blacks that the whites would not tear it up before vesting day. Dr Owen frankly conceded the wall of suspicion which talks and papers will hardly pierce. Yet he was right to say that he had to attempt it. If nothing comes out of the conference, other possibilities may emerge, as his tour and effort to change the atmosphere came out of Geneva.

CONFUSED AND FAR FROM REASSURING

Spring manoeuvres among trade unionists over the next round of pay restraint are by nature complex and even roundabout. Yesterday the Scottish TUC narrowly defeated a resolution by the coal miners that would have rejected any further limitation of free collective bargaining. It would be wrong to hail the result as evidence of a last-minute revulsion by the Labour movement. To a great extent it simply reflects the reluctance of many delegates to commit themselves only a short time before the national conferences of their unions meet and before they know exactly what terms for another phase may finally be on offer. The close vote tends to confirm that the spirit of glum acquiescence that made two years of rigid wage controls pos-

sible no longer prévails. But it is fair to qualify even that conclusion from a vote of a holding statement. The STUC is a body which leans farthur to the left than the British TUC. Until last year, when it rejected a motion from the NUM similar to yesterday's (while simultaneously thumbing its nose at Mr Healey's first offer of conditional tax cuts), it had been staunchly opposed to the principle of wage restraint. The result shows that many unions have reservations, at least, about the complete rejection of a third

The confusion of debate within

Sir, It is interesting to learn from Mr Parker (letter, April 18) that maggots were used by "hard-pressed doctors" to clear up wounds in the First World War. These little creatures have pretty steadily accompanied British war efforts, whether deliberation of the companied by the steam of the companied by the steam of the steam o

panied British war efforts, whether deliberately encouraged or not, being reported at the siege of Caragena, 1741, by Smollett, in chapter XXXIII of Roderick Random.

They were certainly in evidence in the Assam hospitals after the Burna evacuation of 1942, and cer-

tainly of psychologically therapeutic

value; we used to run races with our dumb friends.

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From Mr John Sibly

the movement at this stage has been amply illustrated this week by the pronouncements of Mr Jack Jones. His speech on Sunday seemed at once a reaffirmation of the need for a continued understanding with the Government and a rejection of every practical means of achieving it. Even the holder of his powerful office has to have some regard to the opinions of his followers, and no doubt part of what he said was meant to show them that he understood their reservations and did not mean to drive a feeble bargain. He probably did not appreciate the effect that his words would have elsewhere (in the event the Scottish delegation of the TGWU decided to support the miners anyway, against his advice).

In the first two phases of incomes restraint, the influence of Mr Jones has been crucial. The forms of control that he has almost crude. They have worked in great measure because of that. If Mr Jones is becoming subtle, it is an ominous sign for the future of restraint. Phases one and two happened to serve the interests of his own union well; a new formula giving scope for repairing some of the consequential anomalies would inevitably serve their interests less well and be less amenable to his methods of presentation and promotion.

A flexible pay policy, with a norm that will inevitably stand as a mark for all to aim at and Street disturbances which was offi-

cially "closed" for 100 years, although I understand similar re-

quests from other parties had been

refused. In this instance I was fortunate enough to be granted access but, like others, I gain no pleasure from playing historical roulette with the Home Office.

What we are concerned with here.

Sir, is more than a parochial matter, of interest only to historians. It is part and parcel of the wider ques-

with plenty of excuses provided for going beyond it, might actually disguise the real forces limiting the general growth of earnings and even encourage inflationary claims. Mr Jones seems conclusively to have dashed hopes that the TUC might take a share in determining differentials in the same way as it has accomplished the simpler task of persuading recalcitrant unions to respect the existing norms. By implication, he was also discouraging the possibility of local "kitty bargaining". In fact the main function that

Mr Jones seems to see for the TUC, if there is a new agreement with the Government, is one that would be equally important whether there was a formal agreement or not. The leaders of the movement would take care to keep constantly before their followers the facts of inflation and unemployment and try to inquee a mood of sodriety. I dai is the least that can be expected of them. But Mr Jones even felt it necessary to abandon this attitude himself so as to be seen striking a hard bargain. He presented the Government with a whole list of demands, from a price freeze to early retirement and a cut in petrol tax. It is paradoxical and discouraging to see him of all people failing to understand how such a parade of fantasies must contribute to fostering the dangerous sense of unreality among trade unionists that he so rightly fears.

Handel during spring and summer this year. A great deal still has to be achieved and the Friends need all the support they can get. Yours faithfully. JONATHAN BALKIND, Secretary, The Friends of Christ Church Spitalfields.

charity performances of works by

tion of government secrecy and should be considered within that more general context. From Mr Rollo Myers Yours truly. Sir, I have just read with the COLIN HOLMES,

Senior Lecturer, Department of Economic and Social History, University of Sheffield, Sheffield. April 16.

100 years' immunity

From Mr Colin Holmes Sir, I sympathize with C. C. Aronsfeld (Letters, April 16) in his attempt to read the government file on his German author—I believe he is referring to Peter Aldag, whose Das Judentum in England was pub-lished in 1943. But he is mistaken lished in 1943. But he is mistaken in his assumption that after 30 years Britons go unprotected by the 1958 Public Records Act. If, for instance, he wanted to consult the internment files of British Fascists my experience would suggest that his request rould be refused under Section 5(1) of the 1958 Act. Such papers as well as the Aldag file are regarded as exceptionally sensitive and are therefore restricted.

There is, however, an additional, more serious aspect relating to such tiles which should be highlighted. Home Office records of the kind referred to here, which are not yet open to public inspection, may nevertheless be made available ex-IN AUSTRIA ceptionally to historians and others who require them for scholarly research. Each application in this category is considered on its merits Ser. 9-78 - 78 | by the Home Office, who have to be satisfied that the person or or-ganization directing the research is of academic or scientific standing and that the aims and objects of the research are of such value as to merit support. In other words, the restrictions, referred to earlier, can

be waived. In my own case I was allowed to read the file on the 1911 Sidney

Hawksmoor's churches

From Mr Jonathan Balkind Sir, Dr Lang's letter of April 5 does not put the record entirely straight. Following the Arts Council's Hawksmoor exhibition in 1962, the Hawksmoor Committee under Lady Kennet were instrumental in per-suading the London Diocesan Fund to undertake the complete re-roofing of Christchurch under Cecil Brown's direction, Funds were pro-Brown's direction, Funds were provided from the sale of St John's, Smith Square, and by grants from various bodies including the GLC. This phase of restoration, costing over £50,000, stopped short of refurbishment of the interior apart from the renewal of the ceiling.

The authorities, ecclesiastical and applies provided of the ceiling. secular remained concerned with the future of the church: discussions were extensively reported in

the press.

In August last year, SAVE
Britain's Heritage organized a forum
on inner city churches, followed on
November 20 by a concert given by
The Renaissance Singers and the
Herifordshire Chamber Orchestra.
After this, various speakers proposed the founding of a charitable
trust to help the Rector to restore
the church and ensure its active the press.

This proposal was unanimously endorsed and the Friends of Christ Church Spizalfields now exist with Sir John Betjeman as patron, a board of trustees and wide membership. One of the most promising activities is the use of the church for performing music: the response at the first concert was such that it has been possible to arrange five

45 Chalcot Road, NW1

Pelléas et Mélisande

sir, I have just read with the greatest pleasure and interest Mr William Mann's report on the new production of Pelleas et Mélisande at the Paris Opera (March 24). May I, however, be allowed to make one correction? Mr Mann is not correct in certific about the production of the prod in stating that Debussy "completed his opera in 1895". In point of fact, his opera in 1895. In pour of fact, the Pelleas we know today was only begun in that year after Debussy had destroyed the original draft, which he considered too Wagnerian. In a letter to his friend Ernest Chausson he admitted that he was a facilly harmed by the Wigner of "still haunted by the Wizard of Bayreuth and the phantom of old Klingsor. . . And so I tore it all up and am now seeking a more personal idiom ("une petite chimie de phrases plus personnelles") and am trying to be as much Pelléas as Mélisande..."

And he was still working on his opera right up to the year 1902 when it had its notorious première at the Paris Opéra-Commique, Yours faithfully, ROLLO MYERS, Résidences de Villeneuve "A", Place du Grand-Jardin, 06140 Vence,

Pensions and grants

From Mrs J. Haley Sir, I note that students are to receive grants of £1,000 per annum to cover their costs for 40 weeks, thus receiving £25 a week. A retired married couple receive a pension of £24.50 per week. Evidently the Government believes that two can live even more cheaply than one. Should not any evidence on which it grounds this belief be made public? Yours faithfully, JANETTA HALEY, 88 Blandford Road, Whitley Wood, Reading.

Yours sincerely,

A disease of money From Professor Lord Kaldor, FBA

the excess money supply of 9.8 per cent in 1974 was followed in 1976 by a 7.7 per cent reduction in the inflation rate of retail prices and that "this prediction of a major change in trend . . . [was] available before any agreement on incomes policy". Are the words italicized by me in

the above quotation intended to convey your view that the agree-ment on incomes policy between the Government and the TUC in the summer of 1975 played no role in bringing about the major change in trend in the rate of inflation in 1976, since the latter would have happened in any case on account of the reduction in the rate of growth of M3 (though not in other measures of the "money supply") measures of the "money supply") which occurred in 1974? Or is it intended to convey your view that but for the slow-down in the growth of M3 in 1974 there would have been no agreement on incomes policy in the summer of 1975? Yours faithfully, NICHOLAS KALDOR,

April 11. The former.

Var,

France

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Electors' influence on EEC policy

From Mr David Bagnell

Far East trade with Britain

From Mr R. S. Milward Sir, I have not yet seen the full text of what Mr Dell said at the Foreign Correspondents Club in Tokyo yesterday. According to The Times he castigated Japan for not importing manufactured products on the same scale as other industrial nations, but made no acknowledgment of the limitations imposed by the cost of fuels and raw materials-some twothirds of Japan's export earnings.

Mr Deil apparently included Japan's complex distribution system as part of Japan's "discrimination" against imports, while failing to recognize that it must take some decades for the Japanese to streamline a system whose complexities line a system whose complexities have developed over centuries.

He listed "certain barriers"—
tariffs on confectionery and the
excise duty on Scotch whisky—but
failed to say that Japan now has as
few barriers to imports and as low
tariffs as this country, and is willing
to negotiate in the Gatt on those
that remain if a samed to imple that remain. He seemed to imply that these barriers are a significant factor in the size of Britain's trade deficit with Japan. They are in fact

of minor importance.

More seriously, his reportedly searing public attack fails to recognize or build on the wishes of the Japanese Government, administration and business world to be as recognizing as they reasonably can cooperative as they reasonably can towards Britain's need for increased exports, subject only to their un-willingness, in a free and democratic country, to dictate to the consumer what he shall buy.

Many British firms and industries are already working to increase their exports to Japan. The Japanese automobile, electronic and other industries on their side are showing considerable understanding in discussion with their British counterparts and restraint in the tempo of their exports. Healthy trade between the two countries can be developed only by further efforts and good will shown by the indus-tries on both sides. Today's press reports seem to ignore this essential matter and to concentrate on

the minor irritants. The Japanese Chamber in the United Kingdom is cooperating fully with the Exports to Japan unit of the BOTB in the "Japan Task Force", in efforts to promote further exports to Japan. It would be helpful if public speeches and press reports would my to build on the present good will—or at least recognize its existence-rather than destroy it through unbalanced and seemingly ill-informed onslaughts. Such reports as those appearing today are profoundly discouraging to those influential Japanese who have been cooperating generously with Mr Dell's own Department in trying to improve the balance of Angip Tapapese trade. Yours faithfully.

R. S. MILWARD, General Manager, Japanese Chamber of Commerce and United Kingdom c/o Mitsubishi Corporation, Bow Rells Hous Bread Street, EC4. April 19.

From Mr Roderick MacFarquhar, MP for Belper (Labour), and Mr John Roper, MP for Farmoorth (Labour and Co-operative) Sir. Your first leader on April 19 rightly drew attention to the fact that in Britain we study China more than Japan despite having considerably more links with the latter. One reason for this disparity, apart from the political factors indicated in the leader, is that in the 1960s the Americans decided that it would be valuable to themselves if there were a larger "China-watching" community of the community o a larger "China-watching" commu-nity in Europe whose viewpoints would balance those of American

Sinologists. Consequently they invested considerable funds in developing European Sinological studies.

If Japanese studies in Europe are also to expand, a similar outside effort will be required, this time from Japan. If Japanese businessmen sincerely wish for better understanding of their country in Europe then they should consider allocating funds for the development of Japanese studies in Britain, France and Germany particularly as they have done in the past 10 years in the United States. The tension over trade between the EEC and Japan, which has receive been drawning. which has recently been dramatically demonstrated by our Trade Secretary's speech in Tokyo, underlines the urgency of the task. RODERICK MACFARQUHAR,

JOHN ROPER, House of Commons, April 20.

Sir, Your leading article on "A Disease of Money" (April 7) con-cludes by saying that a reduction in

Christian decline From Mr Edward Oliver legitimated their existence". rue St Joseph. La Garde-Freinet,

From Mr David Bagnell
Sir, The next major phase of the development of the enlarged European Economic Community will be concerned with the question of the effective coordination of economic and, specifically, budgetary policy by members states, which must ultimately involve the creation of machinery for supra-national budgetary direction. The creation of such machinery is bound to extend the powers of the Council extend the powers of the Council of Ministers and the Commission, representation.
It is to be hoped that such an and, if the basic democratic principle of no taxation without representa-

tion is to be effectively preserved within the Community, the new directly elected European Assembly must be an effective counter-weight to these powers. It is clear, therefore, that if the EEC is to develop and increase its unity and cohesion along democratic lines, the new Assembly must become more representative and acquire more power; for it will be the only forum in which citizens of the Community will be able to exercise a direct influence on the Community's policies in their for-Yours faithfully. DAVID BAGNELL

In recent years the present European Parliament has obtained some increased control over Com-munity expenditure; however, if unity and cohesion are to develop along democratic lines in the very sensitive area of the effective coordination of economic and budgetary policy, the new Assembly should seek to obtain for itself at the earliest possible stage the right to review all the proposals of the European Commission, and not only those which have budgetary implications, when they are still in draft form and before they are submitted

mation stage.

to the Council of Ministers. Nobody can forecast the time scale of events in the next phase of EEC development, but the first fixed five-year period of the new Assembly is likely to see some of the important preliminary discussions and moves in the next stage of both the economic and political evolution of the Community, which could have far-reaching effects on the future economic and political structure of

The mission on which our repre-sentatives at this new Assembly will embark on in May or June 1978 is of too great long-term importance to be left to the chance vagaries and distortions of the "first past the post" electoral system. It seems only common sense that from the very start all our members should be elected by a method of proportional representation, so that there is a rather more true reflection of true balance of national attitudes than is thrown up by the present system.

The forthcoming debates in Par-liament will be watched with the greatest interest by our European colleagues, who will find it difficult to understand the ultimate logic of all the arguments about the problems of an immediate change in our present system, when the White Paper itself proposes that, in the case of Northern Ireland, direct elections there should be conducted by a system of proportional

issue will not be decided on grounds of short term political expediency, because at the end of the day it is perhaps worth while recalling Jean Monnet's reply in 1963 to the question of why he desired our entry into Europe: "It is because of the Parliamentary and democratic traditions of the English. Besides them we are not democrats. We are republicans, revolutionaries, never as essentially and deeply

Deputy Chairman, Conservative, Commonwealth and Overseas Council East Worldham House. Alton, Hampshire. April 19.

From Mr Christopher Chataway Sir, I can only conclude that George Hutchinson must be yet another convert to proportional representation. I have known him too well to believe that he could be serious in advancing last Saturday (April 16) such a caricature of a case against electoral reform. It would, he says, be "an unfamiliar—even alien— system . . . calculated to confuse and disturb the electorate?

More calculated to confuse and disturb may one ask than the pre-sent arrangements, which require a Labour government with the sup-port of 29 per cent of the electorate to spend its first two years implementing destructive socialist measures that are wanted by only an activist fraction even of that 29 per ceut? More calculated to confuse and disturb than the existing political seesaw, which rules out all continuity and forward planning? And when it comes to European elections can there be a single serious argument for the first past

the post system, when it must en-sure that any government party facing the normal mid-term un-popularity will finish up almost unrepresented in Europe?
Yours faithfully,
CHRISTOPHER CHATAWAY,

system closely approximating to a

40 Addison Road, W14, April 19.

Yugoslav socialism

From Sir Fitzroy Maclean Sir, I can't help feeling that Mr. Bernard Levin (April 13), however knowledgeable about Spain, is not very well informed about Yugoslavia. President Tito, as I can well testify, has steadier nerves than most of us and has never shown during the 34 years I have known reluctance to face the inevitable Of recent years I have always found him more than ready, when the question came up, to discuss the perfectly sensible arrangements that have been made in Yugoslavia for an orderly succession when he dies, an orderly succession when he dies, whether this be sooner or later. Meanwhile he continues to enjoy life and plays an active and useful, but far from solitary part in the government of his country and the conduct of its foreign policy.

Nor in endowing Yugoslavia with its present form of government can Tito really be said to have " ignored the deepest truths of hyman."

the deepest truths of human reality". His government came into being in the course of a bitter, savage and hard fought war against an otterly ruthless aggressor. (There was, I can assure your readers, nothing unreal about that.) During nothing unreal about that.) During the 29 years following Tito's extremely realistic break with Moscow, the system has been continually modified, invariably with the object of making it work better. As Tito said to me recently, "We have ceased to be dogmatists; we try to

see things as they are."

The result has been a highly decentralized form of federal government (which takes almost excessive account of the very real problem of the nationalities) and an economic

market economy and designed to encourage enterprise and initiative and make full use of the profit motive (realities all too often ignored by our own rulers). Finally, in a still largely agricultural country the peasants are given every encouragement to make a good living off the land, 80 per cent of which is privately owned. Once slav agricultural policy seems to me as realistic as that of most governments. Like most political systems, the

Yugoslav system is open to criticism from a number of points of view. The Russians attack it as highly heretical from a Marxist-Leninist point of view. In the West it is naturally criticized as a one-party system. By some it might be said to be unduly pragmatic. But, in the circumstances prevailing in Eastern Europe and in the world today, I would certainly not have called it unrealistic. unrealistic.

As regards its permanence or impermanence, Mr Levin would pre-sumably like to see it overthrown. In this he will find he has some very enthusiastic allies. Whether they will be to his rather fastidious taste or not is another matter. For my own part I would sooner see the Yugoslavs left to maintain their independence as best they can and work things out for themselves in a way which to my mind takes the fulless possible account of the realities of their exposed and precarious position.
Yours faithfully,

FITZROY MACLEAN. Strachur House, April 18.

Royal titles From Mr E. D. G. Robinson

From Mr E. D. G. Robinson

Sir, The second son of the Duke
of Kent is Lord Nicholas Windsor.
He does not use his father's third
title of Baron Downpatrick. Similarly a second son of the Duke of
Gloucester would be known as Lord
... Windsor, not Baron Culloden. In fact the title Baron
Culloden is likely to come into use
only if the Duke of Gloucester's
first son, the Earl of Ulster, eventually has a son of his own, during
the Duke's lifetime. That grandson
would be known as Baron Culloden.
This use of subordinate titles is,
in effect, an anticipation of even-

in effect, an anticipation of even-tual inheritance. Obviously a second

son is not in that position. Yours fairhfully. E. D. G. ROBINSON, 25 Park Road, Salford. April 17.

Sir, Bill McSweeney (April 16), having criticized five views of the reason for Christian decline, produces a sixth of his own which is equally questionable. It belongs to the familiar school of thought which in its extreme form is represented in its extreme form is represented today by Archbishop Lefebvre and his French friends. The failure of Christianity is due to the failure of Christians to preserve their religion untouched: in Mr McSweeney's words they have "yielded on the fundamental theological issues that fundamental theological issues that

This view is commonly based on two fallacies. In the first place, the principle of growth, which Jesus emphasized in metaphors he used about the Kingdom of God, is implicitly denied. The hidden but real continuity between the seed buried

in the ground and the plant in various stages of development is not considered enough. The Church must always look the same, other-wise it will not be the same Church. Yet what resemblance is there between the oak and the acorn? What looks less likely than the bulb to turn into the daffodil? By the same token the Christian community which was reborn at Pentecost was as different from what it was before that event as the Church today is different from the Church of the first century. Jesus used another metaphor to warn against this error: the man who buried his money in the ground to keep it safe instead of making it fructify. The parable is as applicable to Christian doctrine as it is to individual lives.

The second fallacy stems from wishful thinking: the desire for truth without the struggle for truth. It mistakes belief, which always has a moral dimension, for the certainty which eliminates moral effort but which is unartainable this side of the grave. Yours faithfully.

EDWARD OLIVER, Travellers Club, Pall Mall, SW1, April 19.

From Mr J. S. L. Gilmour Sir, In Mr McSweeney's brilliant article (April 16), there is surely missing an emphasis on perhaps the basic reason for the decline of Christianity, namely, the ever-increasing numbers who find it impossible to believe in the Christian
—or indeed any other—God, in the
universe revealed by modern science.

Yours faithfully, J. S. L. GILMOUR, President, Cambridge Humanists, Clare College, April 16.

Work, stress, and death

From Dr Elizabeth S. B. Wilson Sir, Today's edition (April 18) of The Times carries a thoughtful and The Times carries a thoughtful and detailed obituary of my husband, Professor Graham Wilson. However, there is one important point with which I must take issue. He died of cancer of the stomach which had probably been present for a long time before it was discovered nine months ago. There is absolutely no scientific evidence that stress, hard work or travelling have any convexion wherever with this

any connexion whatever with this condition and very little that they are a relevant factor in cardiovascular or any other disease.

There has been a great deal of emphasis in the media recently they the hardwards. about the hypothetically adverse effects of so-called "over "work My husband, a medical scientist felt strongly that this supposition had no basis in fact and would have been most indignant if he had known that the possibility had been raised in his own obituary.

Stress is the loosely applied term which is supposed to provide the coursel solutionship. However, there

causal relationship. However, there is far more stress in coming home at five o'clock to a nagging wife and rebellious children than in complet-ing 14 hours of worthwhile and largely enjoyable work even if one's safe arrival home does depend on the vagaries of the Shuttle. People who work hard do so because they want to—some live long like Churchill and some die before their time as did my husband, but to believe that one can be killed by overwork is as unscientific as to associate the common cold with wet

Yours faithfully, ELIZABETH S. B. WILSON, 11 Westbourne Gardens, Glasgow.

Local broadcasting

From Mrs Cora A. M. Heptonstall Sir, Your article on the future of local broadcasting (April 15) makes welcome and helpful comment on what you describe as the "negative argument" for the BBC retention of local radio stations, but one feels that the positive argument could be extended.

be extended.

In Humberside the relationship between local radio and the BBC is seen as of two-way benefit; the BBC not only using local radio, but local radio deriving advantages from BBC expertise. Furthermore, local radio gives consumers a choice and protects minority interests. The "grass-roots" community interest which local radio is able to foster is invaluable and it is felt that commercial radio could not attend to community needs in the same way. Many sparsely populated areas in this part of the country are served by Radio Humberside and one doubts whether there would be enough advertising material to enable such areas to be served were local radio exclusively commercial. Lastly, in the light of the mini-scule proportion of the licence fee which is spent on local radio-"a family paying just over a penny a -one might week between them "-one might infer that the service gives value

would hope to see retained under the BBC and more-over extended so that less use is of national programme materiaL Yours faithfully.

CORA A. M. HEPTONSTALL. Chairman, Humberside Local Radio Council, 9 Chapel Street, Kingston upon Hull.

Elderly travellers

From Lady Bragg Sir, I was interested to read Lord

Sir, I was interested to read Lord Clark's letter (April 15) concerning the problems of the elderly traveller. I am one of the over 75s who frequently use British Rail, and often find myself at a London terminus, Cambridge, and occasionally Oxford stations, with luggage to transport. Since, and here I agree with Lord Clark, one expects no help from British Rail, I have adopted various techniques for myself, so that I can arrive at these termini undismayed. arrive at these termini undismayed.
First I have a large suitcase on wheels (a perfect specimen of its kind) which I draw along on an attached sort of dog lead. It follows me down the longest platform to underground or taxi, or crowded pavements, where it never fails to attach at an entire by its performance.

pavements, where it never fails to attract attention by its performance. On my back I have a feather-weight rucksack, heavily filled, so that one hand is free to clutch rail, banister or other support to avoid that nightmare of the elderly, the fall.

For the initial moves of getting the suitcase out of the train, and up and down staircase. I rely with up and down staircases, I rely with confidence upon the British public. Some man invariably appears, and does the job. Here, obviously Oxbridge undergraduates (some of whom seem to be always in transit) whom seem to be always in transit) can be relied upon. True, one can be pushed aside in gerting a taxi, but I can put on record that at a London terminus, when two middle aged men bear me to it, the taxi driver said firmly: "I'm taking the

lady—she can't run as fast."

So my age group should not be discouraged. Even British Rail itself makes spasmodic efforts. There are half-price tickets for us all. There are also indications of concern, and are also indications of concern, and even, here and there, achievement. At my own nearest station, Ipswich, it is not unknown for old people and their luggage to be taken in the lift for goods freight to avoid a bridge and staircase, the solitary porter has refused tips from our living and any refusery official will kind, and any railway official will help. The situation, I am glad to say, is not everywhere "a source of shame to railwaymen and their colleagues", and need not be anywhere, with thought and imagination. Yours faithfully, ALICE BRAGG,

Quietways, Waldringfield, Suffolk.

Amenity rubbish

From Mrs Frances M. Pelling Sir, Why not "TRASH"? It is short, if not sweet, truly English, and economical of paint i Yours truly, FRANCES M. PELLING, The Anchorage, Epping Road,

Mr C. A. Burdett and Miss C. von Kursell

Mr M. W. Cooper-Mitchell and Miss E. Blackburne

burne, of Southgate, London.

Mr W. A. Hayward and Miss C. J. Tidball

Dr J. M. N. Laidlow and Miss H. E. Byatt

Mr S. Watts and Miss E. Stewart-Wallace

and Elizabeth, younger daughter of Dr and Mrs Arrhur Stewart-Wallace, of The Moot House, Ditching, Sussex.

COURT CIRCULAR

WINDSOR CASTLE
April 20: The Prime Minister and
Mrs Callaghan, His Excellency the
High Commissioner for The
Gambia and Mrs Semega-Janneh,
His Excellency the Algerian
Ambassador and Mrs Brakhim, Sir
Paul and Lady Reflly, Sir Richard
and Lady Dobson, Miss Rosemary
Murray and the Reverend Dr
Colin and Mrs Morris have left
the Castle. WINDSOR CASTLE

the Castle.

The Queen, Colonel-in-Chief, accompanied by The Duke of Edinburgh, this morning in the Garden of Buckingham Palace presented new Colours to the 1st Battalion, Scots Guards.

Having been received upon arrival by the Colonel of the Regiment (The Duke of Kent) and the Regimental Licuteuant Colonel (Colonel M. P. de Klee), Her Majesty was received with a Royal Salute

The Duchess of Kent was also After the presentation, The Queen was graciously pleased to address the Battalion and the Commanding Officer (Lieutenant-Colonel M. M. Carnegie-Brown)

replied.
Lady Abel Smith, LieutenautColoniel the Right Hon Sir Martin
Charteris and Lieutenaut-Colonel
Blair Stewart-Wilson were in

Hisir Stewart-Wilson were in attendance.

The Oneen this afternoon drove to Hyde Park and, having been received by the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department of the Environment (the Baroness Birk), planted a tree to mark Her Majesty's Silver Jubilee.

Lady Abel Smith, Lieutenant-Colonel the Right Hon Sir Martin Charteris and Major Robert Cazenove were in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh, President of the Royal Yachting Association, this afternoon took the Chair at the Association's Annual General Meeting at the Tara Hotel.

tenant-Commander Authory KENSINGTON PALACE April 20: The Duke of Glouceste

was present at a Reception of the Family Welfare Association at the Banqueting Hall, Whitehall this evening.

evening.
Lieutenant-Colonel Simon Bland
was in attendance.

The Queen celebrates her birthday today. Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother has become patron of the East Crinstead Research Trust, Blond Laboratories.

A service of dedication of the memorial tablet to Sir Charles Wheeler, President of the Royal Academy, 1956-66, will be held in the Crypt at St Paul's Cathedral on Tuesday, May 10 at moon.

Birthdays today

Bandardays total Eard Beeching, 64; Sir Aubrey Burke, 73; Mr Thomas Burns, 71; the Earl of Derby, 59; Professor Lawrence Gowing, 59; Sir Malcohn Hemderson, 72; Air Marshel Sir John Hunter-Tod, 60; Sir Geoffrey Ramsden, 84; the Rev Professor B. J. Roberts, 71.

Today's engagements

The Duke of Kent attends meeting at Inscidence of Electrical Engineers to receive certificate of honorary fellowship, 5.25.

The Dukess of Kent attends rededication of HMS Kent, Portsmouth Naval Base, 11.

Walk: Ghosts of the West End, meet Embankment underground, 7.30.

Forthcoming marriages Mr B. J. Barker and Miss A. J. Rafferty

The engagement is announced between Erian, eldest son of Mr and Mrs W. E. Barker, of Virginia Water, Surrey, and Anne, daughter of Mrs H. M. Rafferty and the late Mr J. Rafferty, of Welling-Brian, eldest son of Mr

Mr N. S. Gallop
and Miss J. F. Colvile
The engagement is announced
between Nicholas, elder son of
Mr and Mrs S. R. Gallop, of 5
Court Lane Gardens, London,
SE21, and Julia, eldest daughter
of Major and Mrs R. M. Colvile,
of Church Corner House, Michelmorch Romsey Hamushire.

mersh, Romsey, Hampshire. Mr F. W. Henderson
and Miss R. M. Murphy
The engagement is announced
between Paul, son of Mr and Mrs
G. F. Henderson, of Hove, Sussex,
and Rosalind, daughter of Mr and
Mrs L. F. Murphy, of Gerrards
Cross Buckinghamstire.

Mr P. S. Panchaud
and Miss A. K. McLean
The engagement is announced
between Paul, son of Mr G. S.
Panchaud and the late Mrs A.
Panchaud, of La Tabeniere,
Lausanne, Switzerland, and Alison,
elder daughter of Dr and Mrs
A. F. F. McLean, of Dale Brow
Chase, Prestbury, Cheshire.

Mr M. C. Smedley

and Miss J. C. Rasch
The engagement is announced
between Michael, only son of Mr and Mrs Arthur Smedley, of West-field, Bradmore, Nottingham, and Jane, daughter of Major and Mrs David Rasch, of Heale House, Woodford, Salisbury, Witchire.

Mr P. K. Williams and Miss S. J. C. Wellspring and Miss J. L. Terry
The engagement is amnounced between Philip, younger son of Mr and Mrs R. C. Williams, of and Mrs Comar Wilson, and Watford, Hertfordshire, and Jeunifer, elder daughter of Mr Susan, daughter of the late Mr and Mrs J. E. le B. Terry, of Benjamin Myers and Mrs Carol 10 Lennox Gardens, London, Wellspring, of Muker, Yorkshire.

Easter banquet

Lady Mayoress The Lord Mayor an othe Lady The Lord Mayor an dthe Lady Mayoress gave the Easter banquet yesterday evening at the Mansion House in honour of the Diplomatic Corps and their ladies. The speakers were the Lord Mayor, the Danish Ambassador and Mr Frank Judd, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs. The guests included:

Ambassadors, high commissioners.

Weatili Allians, Ingh commissioners, cluded; a harbest derivatives, agents general, aldermen, shedits, members of the Court of Common Council and officers of the Corporation with their ladies; the Marshai of the Dibiomatic Corps and Lady Michael Hizalan Howard, the Apostolic Delegate, the Comptroller of the Lord Chamberish's Office and Lady Penn; the Earl and Countess of Selborne, Colonel Sir Cultum and Lady Weich, Sir Charles and Lady Trindler, Mr Harold Lever, MP, and Mrs Lever, Sir Anthony and Lady Wanner. Sir John and Lady Hunder, Sir Anthony and Lady Wanner. Sir John and Lady Hunder, Mr Harold Lever, MP, and Mrs Lever, Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps and Hoad of Protocol and Conference Department and Mrs Houssemayne du Boulry, the Hon Peter Brooke, MP, and Mrs Brooke, Air Chief Marshal Sir Brian and Lady Burnett, Sir Robin and Lady Brook, Mr and Mrs A. A. Ross, Miss Elizabeth Tucker, Mr and Mrs K. R. Stowe, Mr and Mrs R. F. Salisbury, Lieutesant Marthew Sykes, Mrs Richard Sykes, Mr Nachelas Gilleit and Mr and Mrs Guy Thomas,

Dr Coggan to visit the Pope

Is Dr. Barnardo's fixed in your mind

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is still Britain's largest

helping some seven.

thousand children

a year. But we've

as the charity that looks after orphans?

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maladjusted children. But there are many other situ-

and Barnardo's is very much to the fore in developing

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school care for latch-key

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otherwise be running

parents, Barnardo's

As part of our support system for

have developed special

family centres, some-

times purpose-built

and run with the help

of local authorities, sometimes in a 'madeover existing building.

play schemes during

where the need is greatest, regardless of race, religion

or colour. And because at Barnardo's we believe that

every child has a right to a stable, loving home life,

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A PRACTICAL CHARITY

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Coggan, is to make his first visit to Pope Paul VI in Rome, the Orthodox Patriarch, the Most Rev Demetrics I, in Istanbul, and the World Council of Churches, in Geneva, between April 27 and May 4.

Dr. Coggan will have a private meeting with the Pope and they will participate in a service in the Sistine Chapel.

Luncheons

Marriage

Mr D. A. J. Burns
and Signorina C. F. M. Nicodano
The marriage took place on
April 14 at the Abbaria di
Morimondo, Milan, of Mr David
Burns, second son of Mr and Mrs
T. F. Burns, of 14 Ashley Gardens, Loudon, SWI, and Signorina
Carola Nicodano, eldest daughter
of Signor Carlo Nicodano and of
the late Signora Nicodano of 11
Corso di Porta Nuova, Milan.
Dom Dominic Miroy, OSB, Prior
of San Anselmo, Rome, officiated.



The Queen presenting new colours to the 1st Battalion, Scots Guards, of which she is Colonelin-Chief, at Buckingham Palace yesterday.

Royal. Mr B. W. Downham, vice- Aldenham School president, was in the chair.

Mr Stanley Clinton Davis, Parlia-Mr Stanley Clinton Davis, rama-mentary Under-Secretary of State, Department of Trade, was host at a luncheon held at 1 Carlton Gardens yesterday in honour of Dr Kalman Abraham, State Secre-tary for Ministry of Transport and Posts for Hungary.

mr Edward Rowlands, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host yesterday at a luncheon at Marl-borough House in honour of the High Commissioner for Trinidad and Tobago and Mrs Solomon.

Among those present were:

Rotary Club of London

The Lord Mayor of Westminster was guest of honour yesterday at a luncheon held by the Rotary Club of London at the Cafe

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The monthly dinner of the Anchonites was held last night at the Café Royal under the presidency of Mr J. Urquhart. The principal guest was Admiral Sir Ian Easton, Commandant, Royal College of Particle Callege of Particle Calle ian Easton, Commandant, Royal College of Defence Studies. Royal Society of Medicine

Royal Society of Medicine
The President of the Section of
Comparative Medicine of the
Royal Society of Medicine, Professor Patricia Scott, accompanied by
Dr Geoffrey Scott, presided at the
annual dinner of the section held
last night at 1 Wimpole Street.
The principal guests were Professor and Mrs G. S. Brindley. Anglo-American Sporting Club

Anglo-American Sporting Club
The Anglo-American Sporting Club
held a boxing dinner evening last
night at the Hotel Piccadilly, Manchester, in honour of the Lancashire County Rugby Union team.
Mr Gordon A. Macintosh was in mr Gordon A. machinesh was in the chair and the other speakers were Mr Don Mosey, Mr Roy Walker and Mr Kenneth Wolsten-holme.

The Summer Term begins on April 21. A. R. Hunter is captain of school and S. H. Fenn is captain of school and S. H. Fenn is captain of cricket. Visitation Day is on Saturday, June 4, when the Visitor will be Professor Max Beloff, Principal of the University College at Buckingham. Old Aldenhamian Day is on Saturday, June 11, and term ends on July 9. The Aldenham School Appeal 1977 launched last month has 1977 launched last month has already reached £40,000 and improvements to two of the boarding houses will be carried out

Bedford School

The Summer Term begins today with 1,067 boys in the school. The Service in Commemoration of founders and benefactors will take place at 10.45 am on Sunday, May 22, in the school chapel, when the address will be given by the Bishop of Stepney, the Right Rev Trevor Huddleston, Old Bedfordians Week begins on Monday, July 4. N. C. Simileld is captain of boats and R. J. Boyd-Moss captain of cricket.

St Mary's School,

April 26 and ends on July 12.
Parents' Day is on July 2. Miss E.
K. Wallen, formerly Head of Bedford High School, will be headmistress until a permanent
appointment is made.

Latest appointments

Mr Justice Arnold is to be an additional judge of the Employment Appeal Tribunal. Mr R. H. V. C. Morgan is to be librarian of the House of Lords, in succession to Mr C. S. A. Dobson.

Other appointments include: Mr Peter Kidson, reader in the history of art at the Courtauld Institute, to be a member of the Royal Commission on Ristorical ber of Monuments (England). National 31, 1980.

Residues to charity

Canterbury

The King's School,

The summer term begins on April 21 with N. S. Lyons captain of school. Sports day is on May 3, the CCF inspection on May 26, the CCF inspection on May 26, King's Week runs from July 7 to July 13 and the commemoration preacher on Speech Day on July 14 will be the Rev D. Cupitt, Dean of Emmanuel College, Cambridge. Plymouth College

Term begins on Friday, April 22, and S. W. Parford remains head of school. The college's centenary year celebrations open on July 7 with a service at 7.30 in St Andrew's Church, Plymouth, when Dr John Mackay, formerly of Bristol Grammar School, will be the guest preacher. Among other Bristol Grammar School, will be the guest preacher. Among other events, the centenary fere and ball-take place on Saturday, July 9, and the first performance of the school play will be on Sunday, July 10. The headmaster welcomes inquiries from friends and old boys. Term ends on July 14.

Clifton College

Summer Term at Clifton College begins today and ends on July 13. There are 1,193 boys in the school of whom 517 are in the preparatory school. Head of school is J. H. Hammett (North Town). Commemoration weekend is June 3-4 when the preacher will be the Right Rev Launcelot Fleming. Mr J. B. Evans retires in July after 39 years on the staff.

in public-sector economics at the City of London Polytechnic, to be chairman of the London Electri-city Consultative Council from

May 8.

Mr M. Scott to be British High
Commissioner to Malawi in succession to Mr K. G. Ritchie who is
retiring from the Diplomatic

Mr P. R. Everett to be a member of the Council on Tribunals. Mrs M. Donaghy, Mr J. A. Jones and Mr R. Sanderson to be mem-ber of the Post Office Users' National Council until December

25 years ago

Latest wills

£130,710 minated.

From The Times of Monday, April

The United States congressional committee which last week took further evidence in London in connexion with the Katyn forest massacre of Polish prisoners heard a report from Colonel Lewszecki, a Polish exile in England, of a conversation he Claimed to have had with Mr Statin's son who, he said, admitted and tried to justify Russian responsibility for the crime. In his evidence the Polish colonel told the congressional comcrime. In his evidence the Polish colonel told the congressional committee that while he was in a German prison camp at Lübeck in the spring of 1942, a Russian officer was brought to the camp who admitted being Mr Stalin's eldest son by his first marriage. In the course of prison conversaeldest son by his first marriage. In the course of prison conversations with the Russian officer Colonel Lewszedd raised the subject of what was happening to the thousands of Poles in the Russian prisoner-of-war camps near Smolensk. He claimed that Mr Stalin's son replied that before being taken prisoner by the Germans he had been told there had been a rising by the Poles and that many of those responsible had been exterminated.

long as Marshal Pilsudski

quarrels, and when in January, 1939, the air budget was

seriously reduced he resigned

as head of a Polish mission to

OBITUARY

Mary Hutchinson's death on

April 17 in her 89th year has grieved many friends of all ages

as well as her devoted family. In a book called Fugitive Pieces, she revealed a gifted pen but

essentially see was a private person, never published any memoirs and avoided re-

searchers who wished to pump

her about eminent friends.

These included George Moore,

Wilson Steer, Tonks, Matisse and Samuel Beckett, whose

talent she was among the first to champion. When her cousins,

Lytton Strachey and Duncan Grant, brought her into their Bloomsbury circle, Clive Bell

formed a deep attachment to

her; and Virginia Woolf, who

had at first complained that she was shy and tongue-tied, came to relish her wit and savoir-

She was a great enjoyer. Her taste in books, plays and paint-

ings was outstanding, fastidious,

and vehement; nor did it ever

cease to be spontaneously

avant-garde. Not a bluestock-ing, but delightfully feminine, she lent chic to a ribbon or

Mr Keith Baynes, whose paint-

ing in oils and watercolours con-

inued with vigour and zest over half a century, died at Bath on April 17 in his 90th year.

He was an artist whose re-

tiring disposition, and a certain public lack of initiative in

bestowing recognition, combined to delay the comprehensive showing of his life's work until

a large retrospective loan exhi-

bition was creditably staged at the Minories, Colchester, in the summer of 1969, when he was

of that exhibition-it had to be

conceded that his love of Medi-

MRS ST. JOHN HUTCHINSON

Wit and taste in Bloomsbury circle

glove by the way she wore it. In eighteenth-century Paris she would have made an ideal

paironess for the Encyclopaed-ists and painters.

Her marriage to St John

Trafalgar -

is sold for

By Huon Malkalieu
The sword presented by the City of London to Captain Hardy of the Victory in 1806, after the battle of Trafalgar, was sold to the silver dealer, Coopman, for 119,000 in an arms sale at

Christie's yesterday.

The blade was by Prosses
London and the applied

London and the applied gift decorative panels possibly by R. Teed. The sword was the property of Sir Gregor Mac-Gregor of MacGregor, a descendant of Captain Hardy, and it had been estimated at £6,000 to £8,000.

In the same sale, which made a total of £103,350 with 3 per-cent bought in, the National Museum of Antiquities of Edin-burgh paid £11,000 for a Scot-

tish snaphannee belt pistol by Robert Allison of Dundee, dated

1618, which came from the

Cummings, paid £10,000 for a pair of Indian silver-mounted flintlock

pistols made by Claude Martin at the Lucknow Arsenal in the late

the Lucknow Arsenal in the late eighteenth century.

A jewel sale at Christie's made a total of £124,352 with less than 1 per cent unsold. Seymour paid £9,000 (estimate £2,000 to £2,500) for a gem-set Art Deco fob watch again from the Evelyn collection and £5,500 for an emerald and diamond square cushion-shaped cluster ring. Moussaieff paid £7,000 (estimate £3,500 to £4,500) for a diamond parure.

A gold and gem-set brooch, presented by Queen Victoria to Dame Clara Butt, sold for £500. Sotheby's sold Old Master paintings in the morning and

paintings in the morning and British and European paintings in the afternoon, making a combined total of £299,369, with 11 per cent bought in. W. Drown paid £17,000 (estimate £3,000 to £5,000) for a floral still life by Nicolas van Verendael, and an anonymous buyer paid £13,000 for a dodecagonal desco da parto painted with Diana and Actaeon from the studio of Cenni di Francesco di Ser Cenni.

A still life of a swag of flowers by Jan Baptiste Morel made £11,000 (estimate £1,500 to £2,200). In the afternoon Leggatt paid £420 on behalf of the National Portrait Gallery for a portrait of Thomas Hull, the actor, catalogued as in the manner of Barry.

sword

a pilot for the PAF then being formed in France; but late in 1940 he was appointed as a squadron leader in the RAFR under Transport Command ferrying Hurricanes and Spit

K. Sosnkowski, Sikorski's suc-cessor as C-in-C, made him deputy commander of the Polish Air Force in the Middle East, and during the 1944 uprising in Warsaw he led several missions by his special duties squadron. based on Brindisi, to drop supplies to the insurgents besieged in Warsaw. He eventually held the RAF rank of air commo-

His book, Slowa Prawdy e

in protest. About this time, and before war broke out he was sent to the United Kingdom Lotnictuie Polskim (Words of Truth About the Polish Air Force) was a strong reply, in 1948, to accusations that he was responsible for the poor showing of the PAF against the Luftwaffe.

A Correspondent writes:

I should like to stress a littleknown aspect of Sir Peter Kirk's activity as a constituency MP which both his local supporters and opponents (including my-self) will not forget.

He displayed an amazing understanding of, and energy for, the young people in remoter villages of the Saffron Walden division, and was untiring in his efforts to infuse a wider interest and activity into the lives of teenagers, especi-ally on the council estates, whom the sheer boredom of village life was driving off the land or even to destructive mis-

I have known him fly back

The Rt Rev Mgr Canon John Mackintosh Tilney Barton, DD, who died on April 16 was priestin-charge S S Peter Edward's, Palace Street, 1950-75 and a Canon of West-minster Carnedral since 1971. He was the author of a number of books and acticles.

Mr Basil Andrew, chief information officer of the Confederation of British Industry and former Fleet Street journalist. died on Sunday at the age of S1. He began his career as a journalist on the Western Morning News in Plymouth.

youth club and back their effort to start classes in music (pop and classical), discos, courses in boxing, mechanics, judo, first aid, films, and every activity that he or they could think of. In face of strong opposition and drive for economy his effort. did not always succeed. But his ready accessibility, instinctive understanding and total account and lack of constraint when with these girl or boy school-leavers won hm a trust and regard among people naturally opposed to authority and all forms of "the Establishment" that will make bim as MP for reliable Saffron Walden very hard to replace.

Lady Young, who died on April 10 at the age of 83, was the widow of Sir Mark Aitchison Young, GCMG, former to kong, who became a prisoner of war in Japanese hands. He died

Feibusch of Wolverhampton and she was married in 1935 Her husband died in 1969.

Science report

Astronomy: High-frequency flashing stars

team of Australian astronomers. Known as the Vela pulsar, the star had been detected previously through the rhythmic radio pulses it sends out. It is thought to be a remant of a gigantic supernova explosion that occurred many thousands of years ago. The Velapulsar is one of the dimmest stars ever seen and is only the second pulsar to be observed optically.

Price discounted in 1967, 275

Pulsar, discovered in 1967, are thought to be spinning neutron stars. About one star in a handred explodes catastrophically when its nuclear fuel is burnt up; it huris an expanding shell of debris into interstellar space and possibly leaves behind an ultradense neutron star. That core is rotating at 100 times a second and

is only a few miles in diameter.

Pulses of radio energy occurring at regular intervals provided the clue for the existence of those remarkable stars. The energy is thought to come from a particular area on the surface of the star, and so sweeps around the sky like a lighthouse beam as the star rotates. If the beam intercepts, the Earth the star will appear to be Earth the star will appear to be

According to theoretical models, the pulsar will at first radiate high-energy X-rays, light and radio waves. As time goes on the spinning star will slow down and eventually only low-energy radio waves will be given out. More than 150 pulsars are known, all having been detected by radio-telescopes, and the slowing down

The latest measurement lends

some support to the theoretical models, as the Vela is the third models, as the Vela is the third fastest pulsar kown. The fastest is in the Crab nebula and rotates some 30 times a second; it is the only pulsar that has been observed with visible light. X-rays and radio waves. Observation of the Vela pulsar with visible light raises problems; according to theory, it should be observable with X-rays and so far that has with X-rays and so far that has not been reported.

There are too few supernova explosions in our galaxy to account for the number of pulsars now known and so there must be

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Hutchinson, a leading KC, and the most genial of hosts, brought happiness to both of them until his death. They had one son; Jeremy, who has become again better known the come even better known than his father as a criminal advo-cate, and one daughter, Bar-bara now Mrs Nico Chika, who

has inherited all her qualities.

Mary Hutchinson excelled in whatever she andertook—as sister, wife, mother, grand-mother and hostess. Also asmother-in-law to Dame Peggy Ashcroft: should you have failed to enjoy any production of the Royal Shakespeare Company, she firmly stood you in the corner, even though Dame Peggy had not been involved.
Age did not alter the elegance of her figure and bearing, or the acuity of her taste and talk. Her friends are happy to know that during the last days before the sudden, peaceful end she was free from pain and still characteristically alert.

gave him the chance to show his delicate taste in colour, and in later life he made many much more vivid studies of the countryside and river scenery of

France and Portugal.
After the London Artists Association declined, he had occasional one-man shows at Agnew's, and broke fresh ground with his circus horses. There were, over the years, ex-hibitions in the United States, Canada, Australia and Europe, and his works were purchased by the British Council, the Arts Council, and for Glasgow, Man-chester and South Africa.

Whatever the influences discernible in his early work—and Sickert, Gilman, Roger Fry, Duncan Grant, Vanessa Bell, and particularly Jean Marchand among the French artists, were mentioned in The Times review of that exhibition—it had to be Born in 1887 and educated at Harrow, Trinity College, Cambridge, and the Slade School, Keith Stuart Baynes was fortunate in his thirties to have the support of patrons like Maynard Keynes and Samuel Com-tauld, shared by other members of the London Artists' Associaterranean subjects showed him closest of all, in the later blos-soming of his career, to Raoul tion, with one man shows at the Cooling Galleries. In those days his sentie, shy personality gave the impression of one who was slightly bewildered by what was In the 1920s still-life, and especially flower paintings, had allowed him to concentrate on colour and substance less than construction; but by his first exhibition at the London Group going on round him, and his talent grew as a benefit of intelligent patronage. A retrospec-tive exhibition of his work was mounted at the Harvane Gallery

in 1924 it was the local tints mounted at the Hi of the Bath neighbourhood that when he was 85. BRIG-GEN LUDOMIL RAYSKI

MR KEITH BAYNES

Brigadier-General Ludomil Antoni Rayski, creator in the 1920s and 1930s of a truly Polish Air Force, equipped with aircraft planned by Polish designers and built by Polish industry, died in London on April 11 at the age of 84.

As early as 1923, in the supply department of the Polish Ministry of Military Affairs he apposed acquiring fires from Takoradi in Ghana to Cairo, and for this was later awarded the AFC. He nen-commanded an RAF bomber squadron and won the DSO and bar.

Affairs, he opposed acquiring French aircraft, and ended the equipping of the first Polish civil airline with German Junkers machines. He offended some protégés of the former premier and war minister, General W. Sikorski, but as long as Marshal Pilsudski was alive Rayski accomplished much. After 1935 he found himself involved in a series of

purchase arms for the govern-On the collapse of Poland, General Rayski was rejected as

SIR PETER KIRK

from Strasbourg to meet half-a-dozen members of a village

war in Japanese hands. He died to in 1974. Lady Young leaves 1^{wo}. sons and two daughters.

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is one of a handful clearly 2550, to such that clearly with a supernova. It must be significant that it is the fastes the significant that are observed with the light, although with only the observations the situation of the vela observations were made with the new Anglo-Anguard trailan telescope at Siding Springer and Antralia, and were made point in Anstralia, and were made point in Anstralia, and were made point on the vela pulsar that had been provided by Australian radio.

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Patrick Pearse The Triumph of Failure

Roth Dudley Edwards (Gollanez, £7-95)

one excellent book is the first full account and the only proper biography of Patrick pearse, all its predecessors having been either attenuated or hagiographical, sometimes both. Desmond Ryan set the tone in his first fond memoir of the revolutionary saint of tone in his first fond memoir of the revolutionary saint of Irish nationhood: "Kings with plumes may adorn their hearse but angels meet the soul of Patrick Pearse." Subsequent writers seriously proposed Pearse as a suitable case for canonisation. Until recently printed delineations of the leader of the Easter Rising have resembled the portraits which adorn so many cottage walls in Ireland, often beside pictures of the Pope, They are taken in profile and do not show the cast in Pearse's eye. show the cast in Pearse's eye. Such idealisation has provoked its own hostile reaction, for to accept Pearse as a messiah is

no endorse his judgment that the Irish nation was degenerate and in need of his revised the revisionists, it is a pity she has clothed her elegant Mandarin scholarship in such ill-fitting prose, a kind of broadcaster's demotic. And there are other points at which one might cavil. For example, among the leaders of the IRB it is probable that Sean Mac-Dermott and not Tom Clarke was "the main force for insur-rection". However, all told the book succeeds marvellously in its aim so difficult because every retrospective judgment been victim of the Whig inter-prenation of biography. His life has been systematically read backwards and everything has been seen in the light of its inevitable culmination—the martyred leader of 1916 who regarded hadred for the English as a "holy passion" and believed that, though "we

may make mistakes in the beginning and shoot the wrong people", a blood sacrifice was "a cleansing and sanctifying thing". Pearse himself contributed to this distortion. He maintained that his cultural nationalism—his endeavours to propagate the Irish language through the Gaelic League, through writing and through his enlightened bilingual school—was a conscious apprenticeship for the armed political struggle. this excellent book is the first

pointical struggle.

Routh Dudley Edwards sets
the order straight. She reveals
a Pearse who for most of his
life was more interested in the integraty of the Gaeke Volk than the independence of the Irish nation. His youthful imagination was captured by the folk-heroes of a romantic past. He revered, without understanding, the "kindly-faced frieze-coated peasants" of the west. He adored, with all the fervour of an unconscious homosexual, pure and cious homosexual, pure and beautiful boys. He was devoted to Mother Church, Mother Ire-land and Mother—to whom he wrote a moving poem from the condemned cell. The man behind the icon

the Irish nation was degenerate and in need of his redemption.

Now Ruth Dudley Edwards has disposed of the myths and revised the revisionists. It is a pity she has clothed her elegant Mandarin scholarship in lism, repellent but magnetic. He was a passionate orator, a purisamical visionary, an arrogant fanatic. Blood was often on his lips but he did not like it on his hands. He could not bear the sight of suffering. At the Rising he wore his officer's sword but he was incapable of slicing a loaf of bread By then appears he assigned not then, anyway, he aspired not to kill but to be killed, not to exhort as Savonarola but to act every retrospective judgment is a contemporary booby-trapto produce a balanced assessment of a complex character.

More than most Pearse has been victim of the Whig interpression of biography. His life has been systematically read the levels and experting has been systematically read itself. Pearse triumphed the levels and experting has the levels of the levels and to accomplete the systematically read itself. itself, Pearse triumphed through failure. But if he "gave his contemporaries the key to a new self-respect, it was also the key to a Pan-dora's Box of troubles".

Piers Brendon

impressive title poem. Here is

It must have been harder to

so many voices, or echoes of

other people's voices. Swin-burne, Dowson, Browning, Whit-

man, not to speak of Villon and Pound's beloved Provençal and

Italian troubadours, all seem to

put in their strophes. When he came to make his own definitive

selection for the "Personae" volume of 1926, Pound rejected

99 of these early poems, and

books but a great number of previously uncollected poems from periodicals, and assembling them beautifully in a volume which is a bibliophile's

delight, containing reproduc-tions of all the original title-pages and copious and careful

notes on every textual variation. In the second place, it is an

eloquent testament to Pound's

innocence and to his sense of

vocation-there is something

noble about these verses, even

where they are most brash and

grate on the nerves with their Wardour Street misconceptions

Samuel Beckett's Collected

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The Winter's Task, by Robert Wells (Carcanet Press, £2) Collected Early Poems of Ezra Pound, edited by Michael John King (Faber, £12) Collected Poems in English and French, by Samuel Beckett (John Calder, £4.50)

The Oxford Book of Welsh Verse in English, chosen by Gwyn Jones (Oxford £3.95)

Gwyn Jones (Oxford: £3.95)

The Penguin Book of American Verse, edited by Geoffrey Moore (Penguin, £1.75)

Robert Wells, at 30, and with a single book, The Winter's Task, seems to me to establish himself as one of the best young marvellous job of editing, the point of the point himself as one of the best young marvellous job of editing, poets now writing. He writes putting together not just the poems that are plain and unpre-contents of all those early tenfous, poems firmly in the English tradition, poems devoid of ambiguity or dislocation of symax. Reading him is first of all a pleasure because you find yourself in a landscape you seem to recognize. Then it is surprise and an instruction because that landscape is not quite as it was in Hardy, say, or in Edward Thomas. Something is different, the mental weather has changed, some freshness in the seeing has been matched by a property in the matched by a newness in the saying, with a result that we saying, with a result that we seem to be looking at familiar fields grown suddenly foreign and full of mystery. I will not say "magic", since Mr Wells is not at all a sloppy poet. If anything, I should suppose that his critical masters are Yvor Winters, with his insistence that a poem should be a memorable and intelligible statement, and T. E. Hulme, with his wish for "arcurate, precise and definite descriptions" are modern poet struggling to be born.

Samuel Beckett's Collected precise and definite description", and a poetry that is "dry and sophisticated". Life and poetry have a nice way of being more various than even the most reliable theorists dlow, however, and so we have Mr Wells, writing two stanzas in regular metre on a conventional theme, "After Haymaking", and coming up with the following:

The last bale placed, he stretched out in the hay. Its warmth and his were one. its watched the fields beneath the weakening day And felt his skin still burning with the sun. When it was dusk, he moved. Between his skin And clothes the sweat ran cold.
He trembled as he felt the dir begin touch and touch for what it could not hold.

Between ms sam.

Je voudrais que mon amour meure qu'il pleuve sur le cimetière et les ruelles où je vais pleurant celle qui crut m'aimer

No unexpected happening, no flashy images, not a single departure from the word-order of common speech, yet in the peculiar sensuousnesss of the whole, embodied in that repeated touch, the poem comes alive and is like no one else's noem. A poet who can use the poem. A poet who can use the word and to such effect that you can almost feel it (as Mr you can almost feel it (as Mr Wells does vere, in his last line) when to be reckoved with. The book contains a dozen things as good, including the

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> 'Arthurian Island'.

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The young Dylan, with family

It had to happen

Dylan Thomas **By Paul Ferris** (Hodder & Stoughton, £7.50)

My Friend Dylan Thomas

By Daniel Jones (Dent, £3.95)

On the day of Dylan Thomas's funeral at Laugharne Daniel
Jones and his good friend, the
poet, John Ormond, were
ushered into the front parlour
to view the corpse.

What Daniel Jones saw was a grotesque parody of the poet; a simulacrum plastered with the pancake make-up of the American mortician, a mass of flesh with the cold hardness of stone. Daniel Jones looked at it without feeling. Suddenly he caught a glimpse of a fly crawling up the windowpane.
He concentrated on it fiercely.
Now here was something

distinguish the authenticity in the first six books by Ezra Pound, published between 1908 and 1912, because they contain wonderful, something worthy of inspiring awe", he writes.

It is a disturbing and dazzling start to a slim, idiosyncratic and immensely stimulating portrait in words of Dylan Tho...: It is written with passion, with affection, with sadness and

with deep perception.

"Dylan did not like himself very much", he writes. "He would have liked his myth even less."

And what myths surround the His memory has been chipcracked and scratched like an old coronation beer mug. The booze-bound poet, spray-ing drunken witricisms, driven to squalid, lonely death by a mountain of debts has become

the accepted picture of the Both Daniel Jones and Paul Ferris in their different ways show that this was fer from the

Mr Ferris in a scholarly, meticulously researched and beautifully written biography has probed carefully and sym-pathetically into the background and character of the poet. Akthough he uncovered new

preoccupation with the details surrounding Thomas's death slightly distasteful.

However, his account of the poet's childhood and youth in Swansea, the tempestuous marriage, the creative peaks and troughs, and his analysis of the forces that governed the life and works of this remarkable man have produced a book that will become essential read-ing for both scholar and lay-

What Mr Ferris shows strikingly in all the tormented, rumbustious, comic and tragic circumstances of the poet's life is the ease and the kindness of his native Wales.

Famous poets, critics and producers are found in abundance on the pages of this book. But the Lost discerning and generous comments about Dylan

generous comments about Dylan Thomas come from the people of his homeland—people like Vernon Warkins, Bert Trick, Fred Janes and, of course, Daniel Jones himself.

"Dylan had the proper Welsh ackground" says a Swansea girl who knew him from ob Juhood. "The fact that he was fonstamly mishebaving was a cost to him. He wanted people to think well of him. He ' brought up like me, worn, if 'What will the neighbours think?'"

That his Welsh friends and

That his Welsh friends and neighbours thought so much of him is obvious from Daniel Those closest to him saw

through the moth that many ways self-created.

The saw him showing off furiously in London pubs, and they grieved. But they loved and praised the wisty, generous and immensely-whented poet who "was sick with nostalgia for the days when he was 'young and easy'."

Daniel Jones says:

I cannot imagine how these two parts of his personality could be integrated and survive as one, When plus and minus meet, matter and anti-matter, the result is zero, annihilation. It seems to me that whatever the cause of Dylan's death, it had to happen

Peter Tinniswood

Power feeding on memory

The Autumn of the Patriarch

By Gabriel Garcia

Marquez Translated by Gregory Rabassa (Cape, £4.50)

For more than a hundred years the general has ruled over the kind of Caribo-Andean country where reform is defined as the where reform is defined as the abolition of quartering by horses and its replacement by an electric charge so great that it blacks out the capital city and still leaves the victims

sizzing but alive.

The general acquires a devoted double to appear for him in public—he himself is too shy—and when the double dies the general is able to watch for a few hours the joy of his people and the plans of his successors in council:

so absorbed in the depths of greed that no once noticed the appearance of the unburied president who gave a single blow with the paim of his hand on the table, and shouted aha! and that was all he had to do, for when he lifted his hand from the table the stampede of panic was over and all that was left in the room were the overflowing ashtrays, the coffee muss, the chairs flung on the floor, and my comrade of a lifetime General Rodrigo de Aguilar in battle dress, minute, impassive, wafting away the smoke with his one hand and indicating him to drop to the floor general sir because now the fun is going to begin. so obsorbed in the depths of greed

the fate of General Roorigo de Aguilar—done to a turn on a garni of cauliflower and laurel leaves, with a sprig of parsley stuck in his mouth—provides The Autumn of the Putriarch with its most extravagantly Jacobean gesture of all. Indeed, lest Anglo-Saxons innocent of the Counter-Reformation pale at some of its more decorative some of its more decorative excesses it must be said that the world of Marlowe and Webster brings it uncomfortably nearer home: there are quite as many enumerated methods of ending human life, for example, in Edward II. Autocracy on this scale, however, we have so far avoided. Carastrophe, 100.

The illiterate general believes that all a father of his people needs is a good minister of health and someone to write nice letters for him. His strengths are sincerity and ignorance—"you aren't the government, general", his most formidable lieutenant reminds formidable lieutenant reminds him, "you're the power"—and great care is taken that no serious news of the world outside ever reaches his personal newspaper and palace television service. In this way he was survived kitchener, the economic newspaper of lympaid Commic pressures of Imperial Germany and the compassionate inquiries of the League of Nations. But even the subsoil is

lunar ash.

Of course the general is softhearted and has lovely hands.
A dedicated rutter, he performs his droit de seigneur with prehis droit de seigneur with pre-cision and brutality, yet longs only for love, not honour, in bed. Of the two women who promise him this, the second persuades him to secret mar-riage and the acknowledgment of an official heir. (I won't tell you what happens to them.)
More than all these, of course,
the general loves his old mother
and when the Vatican declines
to recommend her for canonization, he does the only thing possible for a man in his posi-tion: he makes her a saint himself and chucks the Church

مكنامن الأحها

Gabriel Garcia Marquez is the author of that fabulous narrative novel, One Hundred Years of Solitude (1967), and although two volumes of stories have been published here since, The Autumn of the Patriarch is its true successor. Composed over seven years, it is a fierce and grisly entertainment about the mysterious indestructibility of Latin-Iberian dictatorship. European readers will recognize legendary elements of Franco, Salazar, Duvalier, Scroessner and all three Peróns, lifetime General Rodrigo de Aguilar in battle dress, minute, impassive, wafting away the smoke with his one hand and indicating him to drop to the floor general sir because now the fun is going to begin.

And the bullets stream in. But even the subsoil is not trusted for ever and filthy palace looks over a stream of the subsoil is streamed and il three Perons, now mortgaged to the subsoil is name only the best known to us, but Marquez has combined them all into a representative phantasmagoria of dearest wish of all. After they have removed his territorial waters in numbered sections for fable is seasoned with savage wit, wild beauty and a positively orgisatic attention to detail.

rotting city and, beyond, where the harbour was, a waste of lunar ash.

The long quotation above—there were many to choose from—gives an idea of its vitality and of Gregory Rabassa's splendidly readable

Alas, following the success of a six-page story in Leaf Storm (1973) Marquez has elected to write the entire book in six chapters without paragraphs or normal punctuation. He embraces the comma with fervent and necessary skill, but the full stop occurs, roughly, once every 400 words. Since this is not a matter, thank God, of single sentences 400 words long but of several sentences writhing in normal sequence between commas, the method seems fre-Alas, following the success of in normal sequence between commas, the method seems frequently wilful. It not only makes the book more difficult and less enjoyable to read than its predecessor—I actually ran my finger under the lines on many occasions in order not to skid off—but also (or rather therefore) less effective.

There are many sentences in which a full stop would not only clarify the sense but sharpen the jokes, and it seems a great pity that one of the few living world novelists with a spectacular command of tradi-

spectacular command of tradi-tional narrative forms should tional narrative forms should abandon them for the methods favoured by evasive and lesser talents than his for the past 30 years. I don't believe the "continuous" structure is in any way essential to the book's obsessive and bloody strengths—indeed it diminishes them—or that a formight's careful subbing would not put all to rights. For it is an extraordinary book. ordinary book.

Michael Ratcliffe

Two cheers for Jane

The Watsons, by Jane Austen and Another (Peter Davies,

The Adventures of Long John Silver, by Denis Judd (Michael Joseph, £3.95)
Marry Me, by John Updike (André Deutsch, £3.50) Sunrise, by Dominic Cooper (Chatto & Windus, £3.95) The Man From Next Door, by Honor Tracy (Hamish Hamilton, £3.75)

gennine rejoicing at the discovery of a complete new novel by Jane Austen than any other literary discovery short of a new major play by Shake-speare." So writes Margaret Brabble in her introduction to the Penguin English Library edition of The Watsons-17,000 words of which were written before being abandoned by Jane Austen in mid-career.

"Another" is not the same writer as "Another Lady", who finished a version of Sanditon a few years ago—that was good, this is better. What we have is a completion of lane Another's fragment in Jane Austen's fragment in terms of actual plot which is convincing and satisfying, as likely as any other that might family knowledge of her own apparent intentions for the book, as told to her sister Cas-

What we do not have, of course, is Jane Austen's own genius; the informing spirit, human perceptiveness and in-telligence, the wisdom, and capacity for irony and subtlety beyond that of any other English novelist. If we come to the movel contemplating what she would have made of this scene or that and speculating upon all the unfulfilled poten-tial, then we shall be frustrated and disappointed. Not that the existing portion of The Wat-sons isn't enough to tantalize

Characters are black and white, whereas Jane Austen knew that this was rarely so, and would have treated the fools, especially, with some compassion. Social pretensions drew forth her scorn, but real condemnation was reserved for human cruelty.

The style is graceful and pleasing, only occasionally inept, and without too many "period" words and phrases planted about like markers. The whole is agreeable, lively, consistent—in short, most we?

By contrast, Denis Judd's book is a piece of speculation about the career of Long John Silver before his appearance in Stevenson's Treasure Island. It's as likely as anything, and profoundly uninteresting. Except for some gratuitously violent passages about life and butchery aboard a slave ship, it might have been written for children; or, indeed, written by a child, in that frenzy of activity and incident one gets from seven-year-olds who skate fast over the bits they can't pad out.

If Marry Me were by an unknown writer. I wonder how many readers would hold their patience to the end of its tedi-ous 300 pages. But although his work has always been of uneven quality, at his best John Updike is one of the most inventive and incisive of Ameri-can writers, and so earns the benefit of the doubt.

There is some neat social There is some neat social satire, some wry observation of human risibility. The appalling behaviour patterns of certain provincial American types are laid bare, along with much flesh. But it isn't enough And the final section, wherein various possible endings are tried by the social satirity. ings are tried out in a sort of dream-sequence, and rejected

anyone; the characters are all simply won't do, tacked on to Munro is an inarticulate forest-there, the scene set, tone and a work of social realism.

Two couples are involved in effects of a foolish wouthful the marital muddles—the awful Mathiases, who deserve one another but can't see it, and the nicer, though stupid, Conants. Jerry Conant has fallen for Sally Mathias—Sally who in construction of the control of t who is sexy, cunning, ruthless, self-centred. Will they break up their two families or not? That's all, really.

There is something worrying about Survise, this second novel from a winner of the Somerset Maugham Award. That Dominic Cooper can write, at least descriptive prose, very well, is not in doubt, and therein lies some of doubt, and therein lies some of the trouble. He knows and loves intimately the West coast of Scotland — its landscape, weather, moods, wild-life, and wants to convey all this to his readers, yet only half-succeeds because he goes on much too much about ut. Another problem is that he

has chosen a fiendishly difficult type of novel to succeed with; one man's solitary journey across a landscape and into himself. It is reminiscent of Pincher Martin, but Mr Cooper has not William Goldiog's sure genius. Nor has he any ear for dialogue—though he attempts little enou

Yet, at the heart of this her plot and a nice line in novel there is much truth, a outrageous snobbery. real struggle to convey a man's despair, rage, striving. Murdo

marriage. At his daughter's wedding, final hope gone, he breaks out, burns down his cottage, runs. He travels to his long-estranged sister further north, cannot settle, drinks, wanders the countryside, returns to face his own death. The final few pages are extre-mely moving, and written with an economy that augurs well.

Within its limits Honor Tracy's The Man from Next Door is extremely accomplished, crisp and sinister, a little like early Evelyn Berckman or Ursula Curis. Penelope Burler was rescued from a hated reaching job and a pinched, narrow life by a football pools win, and moved contentedly into a lush block of Kensington flats, to savour leisure, concerts, theatres, exhibitions, and solitude, and mind her own business. This doesn't suit a new neighbour, untrustworthy Irish charmer Johnny Cruise, who is revealed as a dangerous crook-except that it isn't half so straightforward as that, since Miss Butler may really be paranoid, because plausible Cruise has an expla-nation for everything. Miss Tracy is a thorough-going fessional with taux control over

Susan Hill

This is your life

With an Independent Air

Encounters during a lifetime of

broadcasting By Howard Thomas

he was still producing for them.

because it consists of irrel-

evant information from Mr

Thomas's old radio scripts

stitched together with lengthy

descriptions of minor interne-

cine BBC warfare and bureau-

cause Mr Thomas is so very

brisk in dealing with the really

Poems in English and French is the work of an unmistakable (Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £5.95) modern who was never quite To start with the BBC in the born as a poet until he found himself in prose. Such a piece as "Whoroscope" (winner of 1930s must have been like starting with the Vatican as a as "Whoroscope" (winner of the Nancy Cunard £10 Competrainee guard, and even those the Nancy Cunard £10 Competition for the best poem on the subject of Time in the Summer of 1930!) is now unreadable except as a joke. But it is a brilliant and spiky and serious joke, full of the touches later developed into a whole game of verbal tennis in the novels. who subsequently lost the Faith seem to look back on their prewar BBC time through a haze of reverent nostalgia. So now we have Howard Thomas, presently Chairman of Thames verbal tennis in the novels. Apart from such foreshadow-Television, recalling how he created the Brains Trust and Beckett's finest verses gave a warrime microphone to ings, Beckett's tinest verses are in French, among them the Vera Lynn and might bave stayed with the BBC for ever had he not grown restless, a sin which the Corporation punished (after he'd given in his notice) by removing his Four lines as bitter and beautiname from all the programmes

ful as anything he has written.
Finally, two anthologies. The
Oxford Book of Welsh Verse in Even so, Mr Thomas is at this Oxford Book of Weish Veish English, chosen by Gwyn Jones, ranges from the bardic Aneirin and Taliesin to the hardly less bardic Dylan Thomas, but find of the bardic Dylan Thomas, but find the distance unable to summon up much indignation: the first half of his book reads like a gossipcolumn anthology from back room for the quieter merits of Daiydd ap Gwilym and Edward numbers of the Radio Times, full of joky little anecdotes Thomas as well. Altogether, there are 238 poems, more than about stars like Tessie O'Shea half of them translated from the Welsh language. The Pen-guin Book of American Verse. edited by Geoffrey Moore, who is described as "an allround entertainer" with an exclamation mark inserted in brackets after the "all-round" starts with Anne Bradstreet and just in case we'd missed the ends with a number of versifiers who are miserly with punctuation and very free with point. Mr Thomas does not leave much to chance. anti-White racial sentiments. Its This half of the book is most serious omission is Laura oddly disappointing, partly

£1.75 for 656 pages the book represents value of a kind. Robert Nye interesting (and unexplored

Riding arguably the most

gifted and important American

poet of the twentieth century, and completely ignored here. Miss Riding's dislike of antholo-

gies is well-known, but Mr

Moore gives no evidence of having even asked her. At only

elsewhere) aspects of his work in the pioneering of commercial radio shows for Luxembourg. which company in five prewar years managed to steal a third of the BBC audience without any British press publicity, where it later took ITV two years to capture less than a

quarter of it.

Still, the book does improve drastically when Mr Thomas leaves the BBC and we escape the constant nudge-nudge of a local schoolmaster compiled popular aircraft recognition from there Frank Gillard went on to become managing director of BBC radio". Not for nothing does Thames still gransmit This Is Your Life.

Mr Thomas (the knighthood can surely only be a matter of time now) joined ABC, the original part-owners of Thames, in 1944 to look after their Pathé Gazette; from there across 30 years he rose through the company ranks to head ABC's television in-terests and the second half of his narrative deals in merci-fully less gossipy fashion with the jigsaw start of ITV.

Only after the great ITV shake-up of 1967 did Thames take shape and only then could Thomas truly claim to have got his television thinking more or less right. His stories also improve drastically here, whether they be of himself nervously leaning out of trains to count IIV aerials or of Lord Grade betting Lord Mountbatten that the latter's autobiography transmitted at 10.30 in the evening would attract more viewers than at 9. It did not, of course but Grade happily paid the £500 wager rather than have

his prime time interrupted.

By the book's end, if we overlook a bizarre last chapter What The Future Holds of What The Future Holds Mr Thomas's judgment seems to have settled down and he is cratic squabbles but mainly beevidently moving with some
pleasure into the role of an elder tele-statesman. Sheridan Morley

Editor and friend Owen Seaman

His Life and Work By John Adlard

Eighteen Nineties Society, 3 Kemplay Road, London, NW3, £4.65)

First, Owen Seaman was a superb editor. Today he is un-dervalued: not, I think, that it would have greatly worried him. Few men could have been less at ease in the world of 1977 than this constructive critic in forms now outmoded, master of the kind of cere-monial poem no longer monial poem no longer written, and acute parodist of many writers hidden by the shifting sands.

It was as a parodist that the Nineties acclaimed him; but if he is considered now it is as editor (1906-32) of Punch, in his time and in that of his gentle successor. E. V. Knox, an institution vulnerable to all an institution vulnerable to all the slings and arrows against tradition. Seaman, inescapably civilized and literate, and knowing just what his Punch needed, sought tirelessly to shape its verse and prose, a courteous disciplinarian. I am reminded of William Watson who (like the Nature

When doomed to bring Some inchoate, amorphous thing Into a world his curious wit Would jain have shaped all-

he applauded) visibly ached

In his way, Seaman could be Watson (though he parodied him closely) with a sense of humour added. His parodies and Mr Adlard quotes some of them, including an uncanny Kipling echo in the rhythm of "The Last Chantey"—were the best since Calverley's though J. C. Squire could approach them. His ceremonial verse (as in the Coronation

gala prologue for Drury Lane in 1911) and, far more impor-tant, his work in an unofficial Laureate manner-a descrip tion he would never have used—remain surprisingly un-blurred. Mr Adlard does not mention "You that have faith to look with fearless eyes", the Seaman poem best remem-bered from the First World War. Marrying technique to feeling, he could usually avoid magniloquence. His light verse was precise: Eric Keown, who had Seaman as his first editor and who was later Punch's major drama critic, often remembered with delight the stanzas of "Better Than a Play" ("Nay, rush me not, Artenia")

I have long lamented that Keown is not alive to write on the man he regarded affectionately as editor and friend. Though conscientious in research, seeking (as in his summing up) to be entirely fair, and respecting Seaman's achievement, Mr Adlard has had, inevitably, to look in from outside. In the circumstances, outside. In the circumstances, it is a minimizing book about a personage who could no doubt be testy and difficult, who was quite out of key with modern political thought ("his Imperialism is unacceptable"), but whose qualities as editor, man, and artist could be more reductable acceptable. redoubtably established. Mr Adlard might have added

to his research on the Agenda Ciub the restimony in Friends and Acquaintances (1931), of Joseph Thoro ("T"); a famil-iar Punch contributor, I could wish, too, that he had been in touch with Miss Muriel Macdonald: in her Edinburgh retirement Punch's first ediwoman torial woman secretary remembers Seaman with much warmth and clarity.

J. C. Trewin

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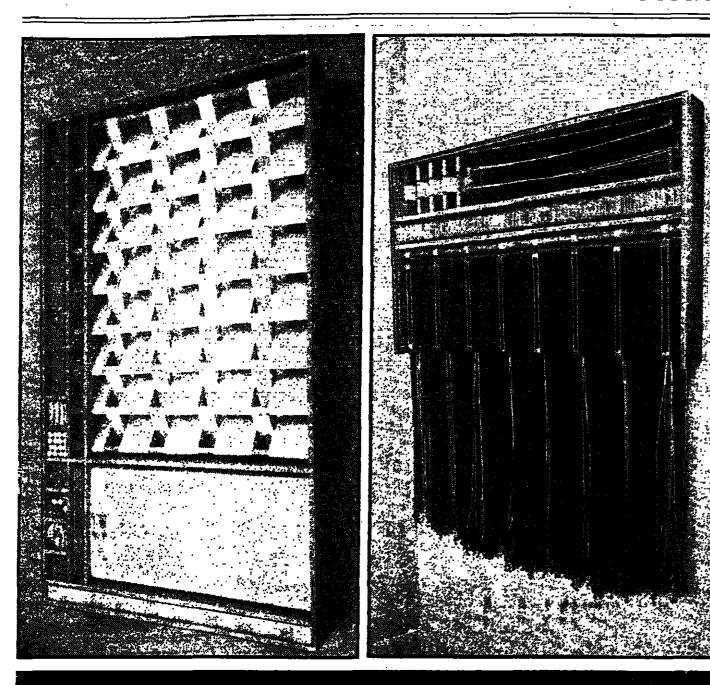


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Fashion



One of the greatest charms of life is coincidence. When I returned to London from the west country and reporting on John Makepeace's new venture at lovely Parnham House it was to find a note from Paul Nichells on my

desk. Paul Nicholls I wrote about a year ago when I described a visit to Brympton d'Evercy at Yeovil,

Somerset. Mr Nicholls is now exhibiting his original wood and string wall-hangings at the Bampton Arts Centre near Witney in Oxfordshire.

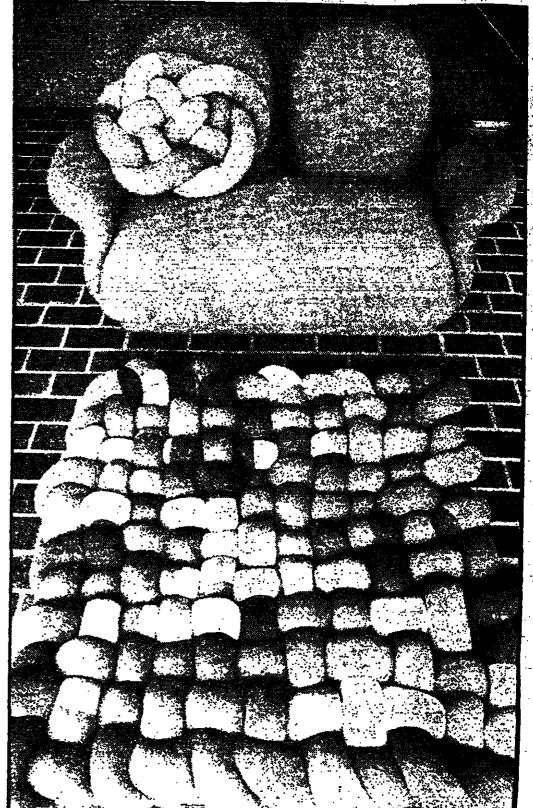
The examples illustrated here are among his most attractive. If you miss the exhibitions, his address is The Cottage, Broadwell, Lechlade, Glos.

Also exhibiting at this time is

Ann Sutton, Mrs John Makepeace, at the elegant galleries of Dodson Bull Interiors Ltd, in the Barbican Trade Centre. Paul Nicholls was once a student of Ann Sutton, so the coincidence comes a full

circle. Right: Ann Sutton's snakey rug, and knot cushion, in many coloured wool knit.
The sofa is by
Pierre Paulin. Left: Paul Nicholls's

string and wool sculptures for the wall.



If the shoe fits, wear it

The other day I went to huy a pair of shoes from a smaller chain retailer which I have drama heroes wore buskins, always liked for high style, Emperor Hirobito wore getas reasonable price and comfort-nearly twelve inches high when black patent-leather appearance, got my right size, large, for I had at that stage not realized that the dimensions of my feet might reflect adversely on the proportions of other of my physical charms, and within 10 minutes of wearing said shoes down Oxford Street I had three bloody lacerations and a flying

start to a lotus right foot. The lotus foot, in case you did not know, involved among other deformations the turning under of the four lesser toes. Snatching off my new purchase in the haven of a taxi, I read inside their gleaming and seductive exterior the words which I have come to dread on help the come to dread the control of th on behalf of my feet. "Made in England". Luckily, the same man who has inculcated, or more accurately proposed, my potential shame about the size of my feet is now on hand, or rather on paper, to explain why British shoes are so crippling. To William A. Rossi, author of The Sex Life of the Foot and Shoc, published today by Routledge, price £4.75. I am indebted for the observation that "shoes reflect the psychosexual characteristics of the wearer; for example the sloes that cell box is Feebal 6. hat sell best in England, Scorland, Ireland, Scandinavia and Russia he regards as cold styles -footwear for people who are reserved both in personality and psycho-sexual make-up. A Spaniard, Mr Rossi suggests, or an Italian, wants warmer styles, more colourful or flambound shoes. boyant shoes.

What Mr Rossi is really saying is that no one but the sado-masochistic northern races—so much for the sexy Scandinavion image—would settle for a moment for shoes which were not both overtly seductive but at the same time comfortable. Why is it that I can buy cheap Italian shoes with 41 inch heels and walk around all day in them? But the buck, or maybe the bunion, has to stup some where, and so far as I am con-cerned it stops right here under my desk. Yes, I like high heels. often, occasionally, just depending how I feel, for one of the rewards of current fashion is that you can really dress to please whoever you wish, self or other. But surely I cannot be the only woman in England who wants to have her chic cake and eat it? Who wants to be able to shorten her stride and tiptoe vulnerably into cer-tain situations and an hour later be free to stride off about other

Mr Rossi, in a book of incalculable repetitionsness and grinding sexual analogy, fights shy of the fashion implications of the shoe. I have recorded, and been stilettoed for my pains by one brogued reader, my view that the high platform sole, now relegated to the lower social and age brackets indi-cates a most interesting split in female hopes: On the one hand you see that built-up height gives authority (Greek movement, ie, flight from a predator, impossible).

female adopted the Courreges

shift and the Gucci boot or snift and the Gucci boot of brogue, symbolizing her interest in red-hot technology and above all her control of her manifest destiny via the Pill, fashion has come right back to the high, slender heel—symbol, according to Mr Rossi, of all sorts of things you might or might not have suspected and militarian have suspected and utilitarian object for more things you might have suspected even less. It is, of course, the swing of the pendulum from aggressive feminist independence which now seems threatening in a period of high male unemployment and is thus discarded by the practical woman, to the realization that many women have a fortunate lot in life anyway. And the ideal is almost here; the rare, complete female wears high, slim sexy heels when she wants to and platform closs to keep her toes out of the way of the mud or the Flymo as she goes about her self-sufficient daily life.

The dreadfulness of British shoes is more important than a fashion item, however. Ten years ago 109,000 persons were employed in the industry; now the number is 75,000, of which 6.000 are government supported. Two out of five pairs of shoes bought in this country are imported. Why? There are three reasons. The first is, of course, styling. The British industry is reactionary in the extreme to design, students eschew a career of inflexible mediocrity. The few good designers we do pro-duce have to have their designs

made abroad. Point two is the pricing of shoes. In an excellent and per-teptive piece in The Observer last weekend Brian Pell traced the screwing down process which coupled to the unambitious management of too many of our footwerr firms, has got everyone onting for the easy life and the mass-market order place of new design or "Iventurous investment. One of the most vivid and successful men in the renail business to-day. John Turner, who owns the Midas chain, says: "We would love to buy from English manufacturers, but their attitude is pathetic. Their ranges are so dull and prexciting. Often we say, won't you make something specially for us there are firms in Norwich. for example, who really can make beautiful shoes—but mostly they don't want to know, so we buy abroad."

Point three is fit. I am beholden to Mr Rossi for introducing me to a new fashion word, ol-olagnia, Originated by the German psychiatrist Schrenck-Norzing, a name I confess I would refer immediately to my colleague P. H. Simpli-geswerk, the word is compoun-ded from algos (pain) and

lagnia (voluptuousness). It is the ideal word to describe most British made shoes, though the algos is in my experience reasonable price and comfort-nearly twelve inches high when usually superior to the lagnia. able fit. I selected their 4!- he was enthroned in 1926, but Should we be making shoes inch heeled peep-toe shape of the rigid bulk makes quick at all? The Germans have given it up, reckoning that such a labour intensive industry would always be a cripple in a high-wage economy. The Americans Ten years after the liberated too have given it up for the same reason, though President Carter's restrictions on imports of fashion and shoes have the EEC worried. Shoe manufac-

turers are stubbing their toes on a rock which this page has rehearsed before; the ambivalent attitude of the governing theme towards industries which can be promoted in less developed countries, enabling said countries to buy our more sophisticated hardware.

Eventually it must all come back to better design. We have that talent, schooled through

our own art colleges but as yet unmarried specially to the shoe trade. We have to make up our state mind. Either we have a fashion industry and we support not just expedient areas of employment but invest in the future territories. Or we decide that we would rather sell plant than product and we stop training quite so many students for quite so tentative a future.



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OR NATIONAL CONSTRUCTION SERVICE

Slower earnings growth points to overall rise of 8 to 9pc under phase two

By Melvyn Westlake A marked slowdown is becom ing evident in the rate at which earnings from employment are rising under phase two of the Government's pay policy, which

Government's pay poucy, which began lest August.
Although the increase in earnings during 1976-77 is certain to be a little higher than the Chancellor's 7 per cent target, there is confidence in Whitehall that the rise can be earnined within a range of 8 contained within a range of 8 per cent to 9 per cent.
According to figures pub-

lished yesterday, the Government's official index of earnings, which covers about seven million manual and non-manual workers in industry, agriculture and services, rose only 0.1 per cent in January. This brings the rise during the first seven months of phase two to 5.9 per

Already, 70 per cent of all workers expected to be covered by national wage settlements during the current phase have now settled under the terms of the policy which limits wage increases to a maximum of 41

Heavy bunching of seniements in the early part of the 1976-77 pay round is expected to lead to a rather smaller rise in the earnings index during the final months of

If this proves the case, the outcome will be considerably below the 12 to 15 per cent predictions made by some commentators. The uncertainty has centred on the extent of wage drift " that is occurring.
This results from things like overnme, piece work, job upgrading, and promotions. Essenrially, it was these influences on earnings that account for the difference between the 42 per cent limit on wage in-

From Peter Hazlehurst

After attacking

restrictive trade barriers during

a series of meetings with

lapanese leaders in Tokyo this

week, Mr Dell, Secretary of

State for Trade, indicated

tonight that he had been dis-

appointed by the vague response

to his plea for a more equit-

Mr Dell, who departs for

the Japanese Prime Minister, and other leading politicians and businessmen, with the claim that Japan had a "curious" concept of the principles of

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the Government wants to accel-

erate station orders which can-not be justified on present esti-

mates of electricity demand and supply capacity, it must offer compensation for the extra

They claim there is a pre-cedent when, under a Con-servative government, the Ince

was prematurely ordered in

1971 to protect employment at

turbo-generator and boiler-making factories in the North-

east. Then Whitehall granted

In the present situation, the

CEGB says it has enough capa-city either in operation or

under commission to meet fore-

demands without

ordering any new station before to

relief on interest charges.

power station in Cheshire

compensation costs involved.

able pattern of trade.

Enter

annactition!

Tokyo, April 20

WAGES

The following are the index numbers for basic rates of wages for all manual workers in all industries and services and for average earnings of all employees in all industries and services covered by the monthly earnings inquiry released by the Department of Employment:

	(1) Hourly rate (July-31 1972 == 100)	(2) Average earnings (Jan 1970 == 100)	Change in (2) over 3 months al annuai rate
1976			
lan	202.1	248.3	15.9
eb	206.4	250.0	15.6
viarch	207,9	254.4	10.6
\pril	210.1	255.0	11.2
May	211.7	25 9 .6	16.3
lune	216.6	261.2	11.1
luly	219.0	263.1	13.3
lug _.	219.1	267.2	12.2
ept	219.2	266.1	12.0
Oct	219.5	269.0	8,0
lov	220.7	272.2	7.7
977	221.5	277.1	17.6
an r	223.8	278.1	14.2
eb p	224.8	278.5	9.5
Aar p	225.1	n/a	n/a

initial expectation of an overall

per cent rise in gross earn-The sharp rise in overtime working in the later months of 1976 is estimated to account for 1 percentage point of the 5.9 per cent rise so far in the current pay policy.

The increase in the earnings index during January and February of 0.4 and 0.1 per cent respectively, compare with monthly increases in excess of I per cent towards the end of creases and the Government's last year. Moreover, with in-

nalists tonight that he had insisted that the trade im-

balance between the two countries could only be rectified if

British exports of manufac-

tured goods to Japan doubled

reprisals, but warned the Japanese that an alternative

course would "involve increas-

ing difficulties in our relation-ships because of the levels of

unemployment in the United

Kingdom and because of the

Outlining the details of his talks with Mr Fukudo, Mr Tatsuo Tauaka, Minister for In-

ternational Trade and Industry

and leaders of industry, Mr Dell told the journalists that he had

Sir Arthur Hawkins angry over Benn

refusal of compensation for Drax order

power station equip-

ment firms will involve the generating board in between £140m and £180m of extra interest charges for 1977-79.

Glyn England, the new chair-man, is Mr Benn's rejection of

ready to build Drax B after 1979 if justified on commercial

He had not threatened direct

within two years.

Seoul tomorrow, summed up a deficits that metry European

tree trade.

He also told British jourincrease its imports of manu-

round of protracted talks nations suffer". between Mr Takeo Fukuda. Outlining the

dustrial output now likely to be

depressed for some time, there would seem to be little scope for any further marked rise in the level of overtime working. However, the very success of phase two could lead to difficulties in getting agreement with the trade unions for a further year of pay restraint starting this summer. Earnings since last August

have risen by only just over half as fast as prices, and living standards have as a consequence shown a perceptible fall. The 5.9 per cent rise in pay compares with an 11.3 per cent increase in prices. cent increase in prices. Living standards now seem

certain to show their largest fall for 20 years. This is because inflation has come down much more showly than was expected when the Chancellor and trades union leaders agreed the 4½ per cent pay deal a year ago.

But Mr Healey argued in his recent Budget that if a further than the country ago. year of pay restraint was accepted, living standards would stabilize over coming months. However, many trades union leaders have already publicly announced their intention to try to recover the ground lost by their members

recent months.
On the other hand, the Treaeconomic forecasts assume that earnings under any stage three will be similar to the level now expected under the current round.

Even if earnings increases in 1977-78 were held down to below 10 per cent, the level of pay awards for many workers would be very much lower than under phase two because of the need to provide some groups with larger sums to meet demands for a restoration of differentials and the correction

point. I made it to the Prime

Minister, the foreign minister and Mr Doko (president of Kei-

danren, the Japanese CBI). The

point I have been making is

that British exports must in-

crease. That it is not a matter

unacceptable. It is that oppor-tunities for British exports to

Japan must improve. I stressed this in strong terms."

that Japan should lift trade re-

strictions and increase the level

goods (now 20 per cent) to the

average scale of 50 per cent of

other industrialized countries, was clearly disappointed by the

sponse. Mr Dell declared that he had

Institutions claimed to be against Sir Eric

By John Brennan Institutional shareholders in Peachey Property Corporation are lining up against the reelection of Sir Eric Miller as a director.

Lord Mais, Peachey's chairman, and Barclay's Merchant Bank, the group's financial ad-visers, are claiming the support of institutional shareholders canvassed since the board's de-cision last week to ask for Sir Eric's resignation.

Yesterday Lord Mais said:
"I never lose sight of the fact that there are many small sharethat there are many summand the holders and I am not one to count on a battle until it is won, but the people who matter have indicated that they support our stand."

Backing for Lord Mais's view came yesterday from Sun Alli-ance and London Insurance. Disclosing long held share stakes in Peachey totalling 5.77 per cent, which make Sun Alliance one of the largest holders of Peachey's shares, Mr Geoffrey Brown, the insurance group's investment manager, said: "It is our clear intention to support Lord Mais and the board against the reelection of Sir Eric

ICI's Pension Fund, which holds just over 5 per cent of Peachey, is nor willing to be drawn publicly on its position. But Lord Mais said he was reasonably sure of their sup-

Institutional shareholders are believed to account for around half of Peachey's

reaction to the board's canvassing so far was a statement say-ing that "no reason has been made known . . . justifying the request by other directors for his resignation . . .". He is believed to control direct and family shares totalling about 5 per cent of the group and may be relying on the loyalty of Business feature, page 25 private shareholders in hi Table, page 26 fight to remain on the board.

Japanese ideas on trade disappoint Mr Dell factured goods to an acceptable continually emphasized point that Britain's complaints "I came here to make one did not centre around lapan's

exports to the United Kingdom.

"The important point is that we must be given the opportunity

to increase our exports of manufactured goods to Japan." manufactured goods to Japan."

A senior spokesman for the
Japanese Ministry of International Trade and Industry
claimed that the trade gap between the two countries had
developed because Japan, unlike the United Kingdom, had
injected capital investments of a bilateral balance being into projects to increase export

> In answer, Mr Dell hit out at what he described as a approach towards general credit tariff might be between 18 and 25 per cent, but the principles of free trade, Japan's attitude was that if you added that very few people would be affected. decide to invest in an area you do not import,

burn Group despite a threat of legal action by a group of 16 other leading tanners.

legal advisers said that the main

points of the proposals-under

Merseyside anger at North-east choice as state shipbuilding base

British Shipbuilders is to base British Shipbuilders is to base its headquarters in the North-east of England. The decision, announced yesterday by Mr Varley, Secretary of State for Industry, immediately sparked off a row which will reverberate for some sine.

for some time.

The long-awaited announce ment of the headquarters location—the subject of vigor-ous and bitter campaigning by the rival claimants since the nationalization legislation was first introduced—was welcomed both by the orginazing commit-tee for the new state body and spokesmen for the North-

But the North-west, which had been strongly favoured as the choice before the departure of Mr J. Graham Day, former chief executive designate, last December, expressed dismay

Strong protests can be expected from the Merseyside:
County Council, which believes that the decision has been taken on political rather than economic property. economic grounds.

Mr John Price, an offical of

the Merseyside Council, said last night: "We are abso-lutely amazed, because every-one from Admiral Griffin

British Gas

tariff change

Owners of some shops, offices

and public houses are facing 18

to 25 per cent increases in their

gas bills from the beginning or

this month because of the sudden abandonment of a

British Gas announced last

month that it would increase all

gas prices by an average of 10

per cent at government request,

but did not at that time announce the end of the com-

The National Utility service said yesterday that British Gas had with no prior warning

abandoned its commercial heat-

ine tariff and transferred all

the customers to the general credit tariff where it had announced price rises of 6 to

But the net effect of the

transfer on to a more expensive

tariff was to increase their bills

In normal circumstances

customers could expect a pub-

lic utility to announce in advance its plans for ending a

particular tariff, followed by a

decision to freeze the tariff

Beirish Gas said it did not

dispute that prices for people

being transferred on to

and not allow any

customers.

NEB to maintain tanning

by 18 to 25 per cent.

mercial heating tariff.

commercial heating

criticized

By Roger Vielvoye

tariff.

(chairman of the new organiza-tion) downwards had made it clear from the beginning that sheir top priority was ease of communication. We thought we had the headquarters in the had.

bag."
Merseyside, with a good rail by Manchester airport to inter-national destinations, a good supply of trained office per-sonnel (with higher unemploy-ment than on the north-east coast) considered that on the grounds of providing an efficient base it was the only

The precise location has still to be selected, but speculation is that it will be either New-castle or Sunderland. The siting will inevitably be of symbolic will inevitably be of symbolic rather than practical importance, since had the Government not insisted on a development area with a tradition of shipbuilding the new body's executives would all have settled on London.

As it is, British Shipbuilders will have a permanent office in London which, although principally concerned with marketing, will be extensively used by the chairman and senior execu-

By Derek Harris

Commercial Editor

An agency to combine the

Government's competition and

prices policy was binted at yes-terday by Mr Hattersley, Secre-tary of State for Prices and

Consumer Protection.

The suggestion follows discussion in Whitehall and out-

side about the extended powers of the reorganized Price Commission, which will become effective in the sum-

mer. The new powers mean

particularly that the commis-sion could begin investigations

practices which otherwise might have been dealt with

by the Monopolies and Merg-

sion on how far the operation of the Office of Fair Trading

might be affected by the wider

remit of the new Price

However, none of those agencies had the power to

operate quickly against a price

which in a restricted market was held artificially high.

There has also been discus-

ers Commission.

companies commercial ces which otherwise

the decision was one of eminen common sense. He was pleased that the long campaign had borne fruit, since local authori-ties in the area had insisted that the headquarters should be in the North-east—the heart of the shipbuilding industry.

British Shipbuilders now has a location and a vesting day— July 1—but the new body has still to be formally estab-lished. The Government is experiencing considerable difficulty in recruiting members to full-time board, although its attempts may be made easier by yesterday's announcement.

At a meeting with Mr Kauf-man, Minister for Industry, a joint management-union delega-tion from the Robb Caledon shipbuilding company at Leith expressed its concern over the prospect of redundancies in the group because of the shortage of orders—a prospect which is looming for thousands of other workers in the industry.

Mr Kaufman said the Government and the new corporation were doing all they possibly could to attract orders to the

power", he added, "and when inflation is finally overcome

and there is no further need for margin control and price

restraint, the power to investi-gate a price and freeze it will

remain an important part of

competition policy.
"Perhaps it will be exer

cised by a new agency that properly combines our compe-tition and prices policy."

This indication of Mr Hat-tersley's current thinking on competition policy is not being interpreted in Whitehall as a

precursor of an early initiative.

mouths.

GEC-Marconi companies

Mr Hattersley hints at

prices and competition

agency to combine

Dr Otmar **Emminger** confirmed as bank chief

From Peter Norman
Bonn, April 20
The West German Cabinet today approved the appointment of Dr Otmar Emminger to the presidency of the Federal Bank in Frankfurt as successor to Dr Karl Klasen who is due to retire at the end of May

tire at the end of May.
It also nominated Herr Karl-Otto Pohl, who is at present state secretary in the Bonn Finance Ministry, to become the Federal Bank's vice-president in succession to Dr Emminger.

Before the appointments be-come official, they must be the subject of a hearing in the Federal Bank's central council and approved by Herr Walter Scheel, the West, German Presi-dent. However, these procedures can be regarded as formalities. Herr Klaus Bölling, the West Getman Government spokes-man, said today that the con-tract of Dr Emminger, 66, will run to the end of 1979. Although there will be no automatic succession for Herr Pöbl to the central bank's presidency on Dr Emminger's retirement, he must be regarded as one of the more likely candidates in the event of his proving a success.

For Dr Emminger, the

appointment to the presidence of the Federal Bank will crown a long and distinguished career in the German central bank system spanning more than a quarter of a century. As a result of his activities in



Dr Emminger: contract till the end of 1979.

international monetary affairs. he has earned the unofficial title of "foreign minister" of the Federal Bank.

However, the future of compe-tition policy, and particularly the different roles of the agen-At the relatively early age cies responsible for it has of 47, Herr Pöhl already has a been under review for some spectacularly successful career behind him. From being an There have been signs of dissatisfaction. The Monopolies Commission is said to be too economic journalist and man-age for the West German Private Ranking Association, he was drafted into government service by Herr Willy Brandt.

As state secretary in the Finance Ministry, Herr Pobl Schmidt, the Chancellor, when he held the Finance Ministry. On the specific orders of Herr chmidt, Herr Pohl has been making the German prepara-tions for next mouth's summit

The Federal Bank's central council is expected to give its approval to the appointments of Dr Emminger and Herr Pöhl at

its meeting tomorrow.

It will also be taking a look at the progress of the German economy. Over the past few weeks doubts have been growing as to whether the economy can achieve the real 5 per cent growth in gross national product envisaged by the West German Government for this

Recent statistics on industrial orders and production have method of collating them at the

trade fair, which opened today.

remit of the new Price Commission is said to be too cumbersome; and the OFT's mew director general, Mr Gorspeaking yesterday to the Industrial Society, said that the Monopolies Commission, the Restrictive Trade Practices Garton sugar interests merger to promote competition by intervention. However, none of those agencies had the power to trade of the commission is said to be too cumbersome; and the OFT's new director general, Mr Gorsewall for the major recommendation (the Tate & Lyle and Manbré & Garton sugar interests merger to go to the Monopolies Commission) turned down by Mr Hattersley for political reasons. Mr Borrie has also been putting a strong case for changes ting a strong case for changes that would give his department more authority to identify car-tel practices like price rings. **Export awards for two**

GEC-Marconi companies won its Blindfire differential track-four of the 125 Queen's Awards ing radar, and Marconi Inter-for Export and Technology which are announced today. which are announced today. Both the number of awards and the number of applications, at 1,809, are the largest recorded since 1966 when the scheme

began.
Of the four awards won by GEC-Marconi, Marconi Instru-ments won two. One was for export achievement, the other for technological achievement

to raise £10m

tional investors at a price of 251p a share. Last night Carrington Viyella's shares closed at 281p, down 1p on the day. Carrington Viyella's chairman, Mr Lebard Regan, explained restraint that the issue

plained yesterday that the issue was being made in order to reduce the company's gearing to a more acceptable level. Be-

cause the shares have been trading very near to their par value of 25p, and because of the implications of the 63.4 per cent stake which ICI has held

since the company was formed in 1970, a rights issue has not

As a result of the placing, ICI—which agreed with the Government to reduce its hold-

ing as soon as possible when Carrington Viyella was formed

in 1970—will see its stake fall

to only 49.4 per cent. Accord-

ing to the statement issued by Carrington Vivella yesterday,

ICI "has no intention of seek

ing to dispose of any of its existing holding of ordinary shares" at present.

hares 22 at present. The placing is dependent

pon the agreement of share-

holders at an extraordinary general meeting to be held on May 9.

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raising new money.

in the development of a spec-trum analyser with television display and digital store.

Marconi Space and Defence Systems won an award for technological achievement for

This company's exports now amount to 70 per cent of its amount to annual sales.

Marks and Spencer receives an award for exports, as does the London American Finance whose export

Corporation, whose export sales between 1974 and 1976 rose from £33m to £81m.

Among the smaller companies given the export award is Albert

proved particularly confusing partly because of changes in the turn of the year.
It is hoped that the Hanover

Martin Knitwear which sells over 75 per cent of its products abroad. This company, which employs some 340 people, makes fully-fashioned knitwear Full list, page 22 trade fair, which opened today, and the joint report of the country's five leading economic research institutes, due next week, will provide more positive indicators in time for the London summit on May 7 and 8.

How the markets moved

Jardine M'son Inchespe Leisure & Gen Rowton Hotels

Runciman, W. Steel Bros Tecalemit

Unilever Utd Scientific Wadkin

compensation.

Rises Allen, H. & Ross 10p to 400p.
Bibby, J. 9p to 119p
Burunah Oil 7p to 69p
Cavenham 7p to 174p
Costain 7p to 174p
De Vere Hotels 10p to 149p
Eng & Caldon'n 19p to 800
Gallenkamp 26p to 288p
Hawker Sidd 10p to 540p.
Imp Chem Ind

Falls Brit Northrop
Libanon
Martin Black
MTD (Mangula)

Brit Northrop
10p to 183p
6p to 74p
7p to 78p

hopes. Glit-edged securities were in demand. demand.
Dollar premium 117.25 per cent
(effective rate 42.883 per cent):
Sterling gained 6 pts to \$1.7196.
The effective rate was 61.8 per

Peko Wallsend Southvaal Venterspost Vlakfontein SDR-\$ was 1.16055 on Wednesday while \$DR-£ was 0.674935. Commodities: The metals lost ground. Reuter's index 1737.7 (previous 1740.5).

9p to 315p 8p to 375p 3p to 375p 9p to 110p 6p to 130p 8p to 280p 6p to 1011p 60 to 458p 80 to 197p 12p to 97p

Bank buys 1,60 30.25 64.75 1.84 10,60 7.20 8.77 4.22 64.75 8.25 1555.00 Australia \$ 1.60
Australia \$ 30.25
Belgium Fr 64.75
Canada \$ 1.84
Denmark Kr 10.60
Fraland Mikk
France Fr 8.77
Germany Dm 4.22
Greece Dr 64.75
Hongkong \$ 1555.00
Japan Yn 500.00
Netherlands Gld 4.41
Norway Kr Portugal Esc \$ 67.75
S Abrica Rd 2.05
Svain Pes 121.50 28.25 61.75 1.79 10.20 6.95 8.45 4.00 61.75 7.80 1500.00 475.00 4.19 8.98 64.00 1.90 113.50 2.05 121.50 Yugoslavia Dur 34.00

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deal despite legal threat To order the second Drax on rationalization among com-station to help both the coal panies such as Babcock and mining industry as well as Wilcox, C. A Parsons, GEC and The National Enterprise Board has decided not to abandon its £3m support for the tan-ning interests of Barrow Hep-

Clark Chapman. A number of companies are behind Mr Benn's wish to build the second Drax station, which naturally is supported by the National Coal Board and the mining unions.

How far Sir Arthur and his In a letter to the group's solicitors last night the NEB's

What has apparently stung Sir Arthur, who retires on May 8 to make way for Mr successor are prepared to go in defying the Government remains to be seen. Heads of which the board would buy for £500,000 half the equity of a new company, British Tanners' Products—were not in breach of the NEB's statutory duties as state industries are known to be worried by ministers who act without explicit statutory back-ing in giving instructions on how they should run their enter-The board has always been grounds, and it has expected

rationalization among generator and bollermaking suppliers to take place to deal with the supply industry's difficulties.

A new ordering programme, to start from 1979, has been offered, but this is conditional claimed certain actions to be ultra vires, and orged that remedies be sought in the courts, as after the Tameside

> The Times index: 169.17 +1.70 The FT index: 412.5 +4.4

British groups seek £73m foreign loans Three leading British companies yesterday revealed they were raising foreign currency loans by issues in the Euroboad THE POUND market

ICI, through a Bermuda-based subsidiary, is raising DM150m (about £37m) by a 10-year issue at 61 per cent, which is being arranged by Berliner Handels-und Frankfurter Bank, Deutsche Bank and Dresdner Bank.
United Biscuit is seeking \$30m (nearly £18m) through a syndicate led by Morgan Grenfell. The 12-year issue is ex-

pected to carry a coupon of 91 per cent.
The third borrower is Reed International, which is issuing \$30m of 10 years bonds at an expected rate of 9 per cent through a syndicate led by S. G. Warburg.

Unilever plans £100m home investment

Unilever, the giant foods and detergent group, is stepping up its investment programme and is planning to devote a higher proportion of its capital investment to the United Kingdom. This year it expects to spend £100m in the home market. The company's accounts, pub-



No S African ban: A resolution claimed by the group.
According to the letter the requiring the directors of Mid-land Bank to make no further board expects an adequate rate loans to the South African government or its agencies, put forward by Mr Hityd Harring-ton (above) for one of the bank's major shareholders, the Greater London Council, was heavily defeated yesterday by 49 million votes to under four doees not expect that the provision of finance on commercial terms to British Tanners gives it an unfair competitive advan-The group of tanners meets today to decide whether to take legal action.

The vote called for by Lord Armstrong of Sanderstead, the bank's chairman, followed severe criticism by shareholders at the annual general meeting. The policy was described as "morally unacceptable and financially unwise".

While opposing the resolution, Lord Armstrong did tell shareholders that he was will-ing "to think of a way of bringing about a meeting of minds for a new understanding of this matter".

lished yesterday, reveal that it approved capital spending on projects worth 5348m last year. during 1976 of £262m. Mr David Orr, chairman of Uni-lever, said that the higher planned level of spending, fol-lowing a year when it did not rise in real terms, reflected "our confidence in the con-tinued growth of the business". Financial Editor, page 25

Alaska pipeline could open by June 20

Oil could be flowing through the 800-mile trans-Alaska pipe-line as early as June 20, nearly a month ahead of schedule, said William Darch, President of the consortium of eight oil com-panies building the \$8,000m (about £4,700m) line.

Textile concern by share placing By Adrienne Gleeson Some £10m is to be raised by the textile company Carrington Viyella by way of the biggest share placing ever arranged for an industrial company. Forty milion new ordinary shares are to be placed amongst institu-

Midland Ramb Bank Limited

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of Midland Bank Limited was held yesterday at The Chartered Insurance Institute, 20 Aldermanbury, London, E.C.2.

Lord Armstrong of Sanderstead, the Chairman,

The Report of the Directors and the Accounts for the year 1976 were adopted.

The retiring Directors were re-appointed, except for Mr. E. J. W. Hellmuth who did not offer himself for re-appointment.

The Directors were authorised to fix the Auditors'

The share capital of the Bank was increased to £200 million by the creation of 50 million shares of £1 each.

The Special Resolution set out in the Notice of Meeting upon the requisition of certain shareholders, which would have required the Bank to make no further loans to the South African Government or its agencies, was not carried. On a poll 3,647,050 votes were cast in favour of the Resolution and 48,885,525 votes against it.

Pearson Longman Limited

Preliminary Results for the year to 31st December 1976

· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			1	976	1975
			£000	£000	£000
Turnover					
The Financia! Time	s Limited	· · ·		23,235	19,394
Westminster Press	Limited	•		53,155	46,113
Loreman Holdings	Limited			32,466	23,103
The Penguin Publis	shing Cor	npany Limited	-	18,698	17,248
Ledybird Books Lin	nited			3,536	3,551
Inter-company turi	nover elir	ninated		(892)	(759)
•		• • •		130,198	108,650
Profit before interest		•			
The Financial Time	s Limited			2,453	1,084
Westminster Press			•	4,490	1,738
Longman Holdings				8,136	4,912
The Penguin Publis	hing Con	peny Limited		3,213	2,317
Ladvbird Books Lin				<i>7</i> 98	875
Pearson Longman I				(42)	(59)
Sundry adjustment				27	4
- -			•	19,075	10,871
Deduct Interest payable les	s interes	t receivable .		(931)	(1,614)
Profit before taxation					
The company and it	ts subsidi	aries ,		18,144	9,257
Associated compan				1,730	632
-				19,874	9,889
Taxation thereon		_			
The company and if	ts subsidi	aries			
United Kingdon	n		7,627		3,669
Overseas			1,814		1,074
		•	9,447		4,743
Associated compan	ies		936		333
				10,377	5,076
Profit of the group afte	r tovstin			9,497	4,813
Profit attributable to n				(484)	(195)
Profit of the year befo				9,013	4,618
Extraordinary items pr	rafit/(los	s)		152	(650)
Net profit attributable		-		9,165	3,968
Dividends			Jan't		(00)
Preference shares	Daras -	er share	(22)		(22)
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Ordinary shares	1976	1975		-	· }
first interim	1.750	1.400 2.472 (E==1)	(721)	-	(577)
second interim	3.610	3:473 (final)	. (1,488)	10 cc.	(1,432)
tax credit to	5.360	4.873		(2,231)	(2,031)
shareholders	2.886	2,624			
-aith attninet 2	8.246	7.497			
Profit retained and add					
Capital reserves			168		234
Revenue reserves			6,77 4		1,703
-tas inter tenet see			47174	5,934	1,937
	P 37				1,337
arnings per ordinary s				24 042-	44 4 20
zu avruinary mems but	arter dec	ucting preference dividends)		21.810p	11.148p

The exchange surplus arising on the annual reconversion of net assets overseas amount received. It will therefore be equivalent to a mounting to £882,775 (1975 £431,993) has been transferred direct to per share, making with the first interim dividend alre

The directors have declared a second interim dividend on the ordinary shares of 3.610p per share for the year to 31st December 1976 (1975 final 3.473p).

This dividend will be payable on 3rd June 1977 to ordinary shareholders on the register at the close of business on 6th May 1977 and will entitle United ordinary dividends for the year are maintained at the maximum permitted under ingdom shareholders to a tax credit of thirty-five sixty-fifths of the actual

The figure shewn above for extraordinary items in 1975 has been per share (1975 7.497p). This is the maximum permitted under existing









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Companies receiving Queen's Awards for achievement in export and technology

Here is a complete list of the Queen's Awards for export and technology: FOR EXPORT

Aaro Caravan; The Angus irrigation unit of the Angus Fire Armour division of George Angus; The construction products division of Armco; Laura Ashley; Austin & Pickersgill; BICC Telecommunication Cables; The biscuit division of Baker Perkins; Banyard Metalheat; T. T. Boughton & Sons.

Bowling Reproductions; T. Bowring (Insurance) Holdings; The military aircraft division of British Aircraft Corporation; British Airways Board; British Films; British Steel Corporation (Overseas Services); John Brown En-gineering (Clydebank); Brush Switchgear; C-Power (Marine); Carreras Rothmans.

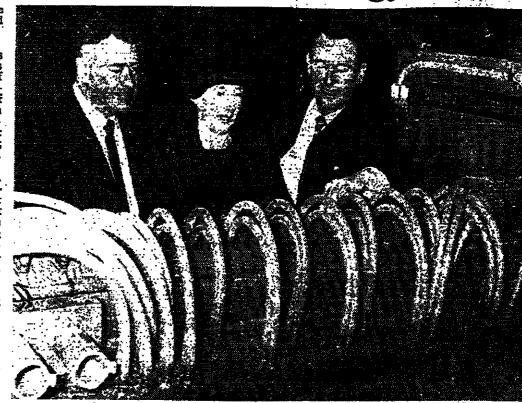
Cohen Bros (Electrical);
Coles Cranes; Condor Buildings Overseas; Corone EM;
Crosrol; Darlington & Simpson Rolling Mills; Davy-Loewy; Thomas De La Rue; Derwent Publications; Dimo Inter-

EMI Medical; Escol Products; Ethicon; Exploration and Production Services

Graff Diamonds; Sir Wil-Graff Diamonds; Sir William Halcrow & Partners; John Harvey & Sons; Hattersley Newman Hender; Hawker Siddeley Power Engineering; Hunting Surveys and Consultants; IBIS Medical Equipment & Supplies; Inchcape; Inductron; The international marine coatings division of International Paint; Dick James Music.

Kandya Meredew; Kennedy & Donkin; Lesney Products; London American Finance Cor-London American Finance Corporation; Kenneth Mackenzie
Holdings; L. H. Mackerness;
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International Marine; Marks
and Spencer; Martin-Black.
Albert Martin Knitwear;
May & Baker; Thomas Meadows; Michelin Tyre; The
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The management consultancy firm of Peat, Marwick, Mitchell; Perbow; Petrocarbon Developments; Phoenix Engineering; Platt, Saco Lowell; The Plessey Navaids division of Plessey Navaids division junction with the Civil Aviatof Plessey Electronic Systems; Rolaroid (UK); Portals Holdings; Quest Automation; Racal-Tacticom; Record Ridger May.



White heat: Mr Harry Banyard (right), chair heating electric induction furnace

(North Sea); The military products division of Fakey Engineering; Fletcher and Stewart; Foster Wheeler; GEC Turbine Generators; A Gallenkamp; Goodenough

Cables; Stelmon.

Thos. Storey (Engineers);
TAC Construction Materials;
Taylor Woodrow International;
Tecquipment; Thermal Syndicate; The British Timken
Division of the Timken
Company; R. Twining; United Towing; Vosper Thorneycroft; Enoch Wedgwood (Tunstall); Westerly Marine Construction; Sir Bruce White, Wolfe Barry & Partners; Whitehead Harbormaster; The engineering division of Wilkinson Sword; Cooker Wilmers.

The Plant protection division. The Mining Research and of Imperial Chemical Indus- Development Establishment of

dows; Michelin Tyre; The semiconductor products division of Motorola; Geo. Moulton Successors; North Devon Meat; Arthur F. Organ (Pack Machinery); Pandrol; Sized transfer printing for aircraft generators.

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Chipley); Rohm & Haas (UK); The Royal Mint; Ruston Gas Turbines; Seltrust Engineering; TI Simplex (Fans and Ballass); Simplen Interline Trading; The submarine systems division of Standard Telephones and Cables; Stelmon.

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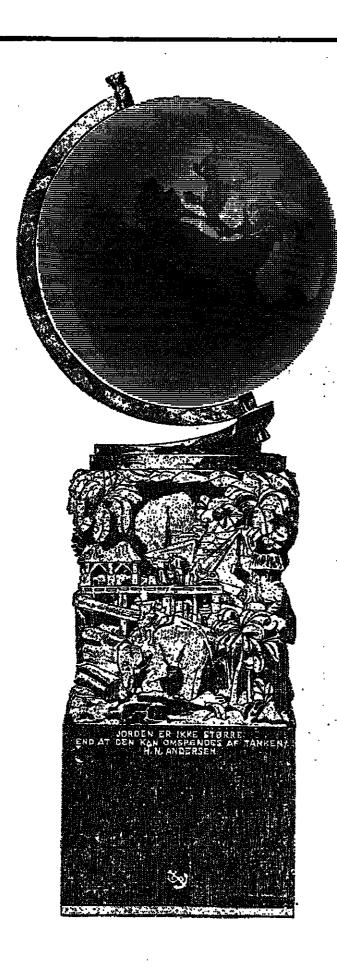
Land and Marine Engineer-seam development in the production and supply of United Kingdom grown bulb onions throughout the year.

Paxman Diesels, Colchester—development in the National Coal Board, Standhope Brethy, Burton-on-Trent—development of an in-seam development of platinum alloy catalysts for pollution control in vehicle exhaust systems.

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Land and Marine Engineering, Bromborough—development of a range of diement of techniques for the burial of sub-sea pipelines; The electrical division of Lucas Aerospace, Hemel Hempstead—development of a toroidal constant speed drive longwall working in mines. Railko, High Wycombe development of reinforced plas-

rial; Ernest Scragg & Sons Macclesfield—development of a friction twisting device for the production of textured man-made fibre yarns; Sorex (London), Wembley—development of new rodencicides for



The East Asiatic Company Limited. Copenhagen

Annual Report

The moderate economic recovery, which was evident in a few major industrial countries, slackened again in the second half of the year, and world trade to-day presents a rather diverse picture in which, for instance, the very important shipping sector has shown no perceptible

In the absence of signs of a general recovery, fluctuations in world economic conditions are to be expected in 1977, and in Denmark the economic development still depends on whether the rise in costs can be stabilized and competitiveness strengthened. Thanks to the diversity and global activities of our Company, the Group

accounts show an improvement in net profit from kr 153.1 million in 1975 to kr 269.4 million in 1976, and a rise in turnover from kr 16,100 million to kr 20,000 million in the same period. The Parent Company's results for 1976 was a net profit of kr 109.8 million, against kr 91.1 million in 1975, after allocation of kr 75 million to

the Special Contingency Fund, which now stands at kr 250 million, and after provision of kr 78.8 million for depreciation on ships, buildings, etc. and kr 47.3 million for corporation taxes. With the addition of kr 23.6 million brought forward from last year, the amount at disposal totals kr 133.4 million which it is proposed to appropriate in accordance with the profit and loss statement, including

distribution to shareholders of a dividend of 12 per cent of the share capital of kr 500 million, equal to a total amount of kr 60 million. The legislation on dividend ceilings still prevents payment of the amount of kr 10 million, representing additional 2 per cent dividend provided for in 1973.

It is pertinent to mention already in the introduction that in accordance with the Company's general policy and in keeping with the times, the process of transforming the remaining overseas branches into independent joint-stock companies is being pursued, having regard to the ultimate aim of gradually attracting local capital into these companies and, wherever possible, to include local staff as share-

This process, incidentally, will gradually include these subsidiary companies in the Group accounts which, in turn, will become of increasing importance as the Company's primary accounts.

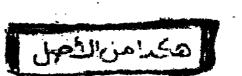
Copies of the full Report are available on request.

GROUP PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR 1976 (rate of exchange per 31st December 1976; US-\$ 100 = D.kr. 578.35)

		1976 {1,000 kr}	1975 (1,000 kr)
Turnover		20,049,629	16,101,280
External turnover	15,198,210		12,548,006
Internal turnover	4,851,419		3,553,274
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activities derive from:	External turnover		j
Shipping		040.045	
Trade	1,457,080 7,608,100	213,816 427,795	189,931 331,854
Industry	5,315,267	427,795 471,420	380,441
Forest and plantation industry	769,207	182,752	101,902
Miscellaneous income	48,556	24,822	21,297
	15,198,210	1,320,605	1,025,425
Dividend on investments outside the Group			
Dividend on investments outside the Gloth	•	17,467	16,848
Administration expenses		1,338,072	1,042,273
•		358,968	328,133
Profit before Depreciation		979,104	714,140
Depreciation on fixed assets		· 1	
Depreciation on fixed assets -		268,025	223,541
Profit before Financing Expenses		711,079	490,499
Financing expenses	•	•	-100,100
r manoud exhelises		260,579	. 205,53*
Extraordinary income and expenses		450,500	284.5
Profit before Taxation		33,627	29,449
Corporation tax		484,127	314,414
Group Result for the Year		214,761	161,356
Group result for the Tear		269,366	153,056
Minority shareholders' share in the results	:.		
of subsidiary companies	. •	109,118	án acre
The East Asiatic Company, Limited's		1091110	46,657
share in the Group Result		·	
(before allocation to the Parent Company's		160,248	106,401
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Head office: 2, Holbergsgade, DK-1099 Copenhagen K., Denmark





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The year in brief

Sales for 1976 rose from £6,760 million to £8,731 million. Volume accounted for 8 per cent of this increase. Profits showed a good recovery as compared with the disappointing results in 1975. Restocking in the first half-year, particularly in Europe, contributed to these improved. figures.

In Europe there was a major improvement in most product groups as compared with 1975. However, margins in general are still too low. Results in edible fats and other foods, chemicals, paper, plastics and packaging and animal feeds showed a marked recovery. Frozen foods and ice cream again did well. Our toilet preparations businesses showed further growth. Our two major meat companies continued to make operating losses. These were increased by heavy costs of restructuring in the United Kingdom.

In North America results were generally satisfactory. In most other countries outside Europe there was further sales and profit growth. UAC International contributed substantially to the higher 1976 results.

Exchange rates and their effect on reported figures Almost all currencies were affected by the substantial variations in the floating rates of exchange. Sterling, the French franc and the Italian lira, all fell substantially against the guilder and deutschmark particularly. The dollar depreciated against the linked European currencies but appreciated against sterling, the franc and the lira. Our Accounts for 1976 have been prepared using the 1976 closing exchange rate of £1=F1.418. The 1975 accounts were prepared using the 1975 closing exchange rate of £1=F1.5.43. This 23 per cent depreciation of sterling against the guilder has a major effect on all our figures, as expressed respectively in each of our reporting currencies. In particular, increases in sales, profits, capital expenditure and net liquid funds, are all much greater when stated in depreciated sterling than when stated in appreciated guilders.

Had rates remained at end 1975 levels the increase in both sterling and guilders would have been 52 per cent in group operating profit. The difference between this and the actual sterling increase is almost entirely the result of the depreciation of sterling.

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Dominant influences were the recovery of profits and increase in working capital, caused by higher raw material prices as well as by higher sales volume. Capital expenditure remained well above depreciation.

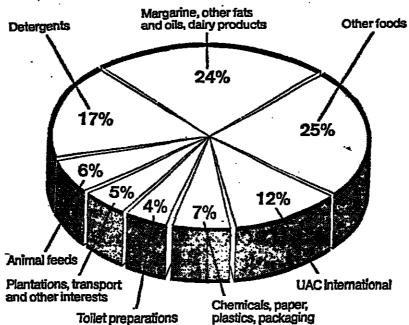
Our net liquid funds rose by £64 million of which £50 million was additional loan capital. Net liquid funds at the year-end represented a little under 5 per cent of the year's sales to third parties: the corresponding percentage both in 1975 and on average over the past 10 years was 4 per cent. The strength of our balance sheet gives us confidence that we can meet our heavy capital expenditure programme and any sudden increases in working capital arising from world inflation and raw material price fluctuations. During 1976 we spent a total of £14 million on acquisitions.

The economic background

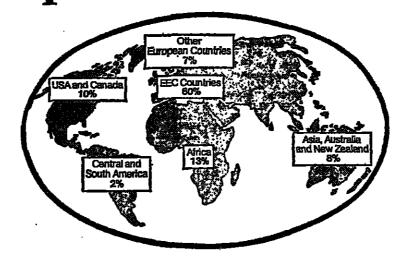
Economic conditions in 1976 were more favourable than in 1975. There was a quite pronounced recovery from economic recession in the industrialised world in the first half of the year. Many mineral oilexporting countries continued to boom. Some developing countries recorded another year of growth, all mineral oil-importing countries suffered from increased oil prices. The growing burden of external debt of some developing countries is a worrying feature of the world economic scene.

Inflation was not as severe in 1976 as it had been in 1974 and 1975 but it was still high. It averaged 11 per cent for the world in which Unilever operates.

However, levels of unemployment did not respond to the limited economic recovery and even rose in a number of countries. The more favourable economic conditions have led to an increase in published profits in many countries, but the trend is to a decline in real profitability to levels which are too low-not least in our two home countries the United Kingdom and the Netherlands. There are signs that governments are becoming aware of the need to reverse this trend if new investment is to be made on the scale required for the healthy expansion of the world economy.



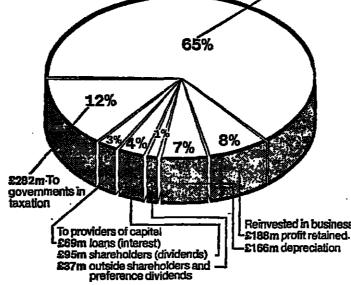
Selling a wide variety of products...



in markets across the world

Sales to third parties Investment income £8,779m Less cost of Materials £6,352m and services purchased Value addëd £2,427m

How the value added was distributed: £8,731 m € 48 m £1,590m To employees in wages, salaries, pension contributions



...to contribute to standards of living everywhere.

International developments

Three developments in the past year internationally have been of special interest to us.

First, the promulgation by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) of guidelines for multinational enterprises. We have publicly expressed our support for and our determination to comply with, these guidelines which are very similar to the standards it has been our long-standing practice to observe. Our Report and Accounts meets the guidelines on disclosure of information. We attach great significance to the recognition by the governments of the OECD countries that they also have to respect certain rules, in particular that there should be no discrimination between nationally-owned and foreign-owned companies.

The second was the European Commission's totally unjustifiable proposal for a tax on edible oils and fats which attempted to deal with the structural surplus of milk in the Community, but only at the expense of another industry and its consumers. The proposal—without solving the dairy problem—would, moreover, increase the cost of living, and hamper exports from the developing countries. The third development was the adoption by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) of a resolution to convene further meetings on an integrated programme for some 20 commodities. This seeks to protect the economies of developing countries by universal buffer stock schemes linked to the indexation of raw material prices. For edible oils and fats the practical difficulties of such an approach would be immense and in our view would be likely to disrupt the world market. We believe that the export income of developing countries would be better safeguarded by compensatory finance schemes, like those under the Lomé Agreement, rather than by interfering with the long-term balance of supply and demand.

Prospects

Inflation will remain high in most countries, with raw material costs expected to rise more rapidly than general inflation. Unemployment is not likely to fall in the current year. Industrial activity in the first few months of 1977 will not have the benefit of the considerable restocking that took place in the corresponding months of the previous year. While growth of the economies in which we operate is expected to be a little slower than last year, there should be reasonable growth in the particular market areas with which we are concerned. In general, our business is expected to make progress.

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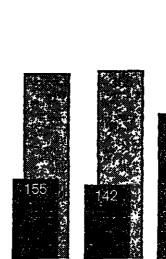
The progress that was achieved during the year was made possible only by the efforts of our employees throughout the business. We wish to record our warm thanks to them.

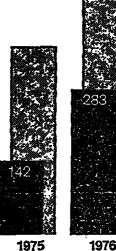
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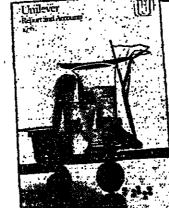






Unilever comprises Unilever Limited, Unilever N.V. and their respective subsidiaries which operate in more than seventy countries. The Report and Accounts of Limited as usual combine the results and operations of Limited and N.V. with figures expressed in Sterling. Copies of the 1976 Report and Accounts have been posted to shareholders and holders of debentures and unsecured loan stock of Unilever Limited. If you would like to receive a copy please fill in the coupon.

The Annual General Meeting of the Members of Unilever Limited will be held in The Queen's Room, The Baltic Exchange, 14-20 St. Mary Axe, London EC3, on Wednesday 11th May, 1977 at 11 a.m.



To: The Company Secretary, Unilever Limited, Unilever House, London EC4P 4BQ.

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BSC faces a squeeze on investment |Leyland,may

Industrial Correspondent

and little prospect of any sig-ificant improvement in demand sfore the end of this year have created problems for the British

BSC is being limited to a £950m ceiling on external fin-Worsening market conditions ancing under the cash limits

This was revealed to an allparty committee of MPs, who are investigating the affairs of seel Corporation in financing the BSC, by civil servants from the two departments.

its investment programme.

Instead of making a considerable contribution towards capital and working capital requires all and working capital requires nents from internally generated about half of the total capital about half of the total capital dustries Committee that the requirements of more than steel industry had been in the funds in the current financial requirements of more than year, the BSC will be unable to £900m for the current year. provide any funds from its own This was subsequently revised the uprurn which was expected sources. After tough negotia- downwards in the Public Extiztions with the Treasury and Department of Industry the BSC contribution of £204m.

This was later amended in since the original forecasts, the Budget statement to show "We feel that although tr be unable to make any contribution to the programme from its own internally generated

funds. Mr Solomon Gross, Under-Secretary in charge of the De-partment of Industry's iron and steel division, told the subcom-mittee of the Nationalized Ingrip of a serious recession and the uprurn which was expected pects had changed drastically

"We feel that although trading prospects are bad we should encourage the BSC to invest." Mr Gross said.

Advertisement criticizes strikers: Management of the Port Talbot steelworks, which has been closed by an unofficial

Although the company's car

strike by 520 electricians, yesterday pur an advertisement in Welsh newspapers criticizing the men's action. It said the swikers' claim was unrealistic, against the pay code, and exploitation of the introduction

EEC fears over future of steel exports to America

CBI sticks to 6 pc pay

Lord Watkinson, president of kinson said, was determined the confederation, said last that any pay deal should be one night that this sort of figure which meant British industry

cost of living.

The confederation is convinced that there will be a third phase, but that it will probably have prepared its major discussion document on pay determination, which looks beyond phase three.

British Petroleum and Rock- tonnes a year plant, at first

wool, a private Danish company, are to set up a £10m plant in Britain to spin fibres out of molten rocks.

The fibres can then be turned into mats and moulded into a Holland and Switzerland, into mats and moulded into a Holland and Switzerland and Swit

wide range of insulation prowide range of insulation products. BP said yesterday it was molten rock heated to 1,500 deg
holding discussions with Rockwool about a site for a 14,000 and cured.

BP in rock fibre venture

rises for phase three

Unit trusts

total worst

in six years

Unit trusts suffered their

worst setback for six years last

month, when net new invest-ment dropped to £1.78m, accord-

ing to March figures from the Unit Trust Association yester-day. Although sales of units were £3.8m higher than in Feb-

ruary, at £26.9m, repurchases amounted to £25.2m, as against

520.2m for the previous month.

widespread reports over the

nast few weeks that the indus-

try was experiencing a parti-cularly high level of redemp-tions. In the event the level

of net sales in March was the lowest since August, 1971, when they dropped to 5250,000.

Mr Edgar Palamountain,

newly appointed chairman of

the Unit Trust Association, said

vesterday: "These figures re-flect the squeezing of the

clientele by inflation and tax."

He said he was not discouraged

by the figures for March, and claimed they did not show that investors were disillusioned A number of factors appear

to have affected the level of

redemptions. Investors have been attracted by the parti-

cularly attractive 16th issue of National Savings Certificates, which closed at the end of

March and provided some strong competition for smaller

The recent rise in the stock

market has also given investors

who are suffering a squeeze

on their incomes an opportunity

The latest figures confirm

From David Cross
Brussels, April 20
Growing concern in the EEC about future accers of its steel products to the United States is figuring prominently in two days of talks between senior American and European Commission officials which opened mission officials which opened here today.

The countervailing duties export tax rebates similar to those refunded by the Community on steel exports, which has irked American steel producers in the past.

Peter Hill writes: Calls for the duties on imports of Japanese electronic goods could spread at strong and active role in the European arena, particularly in discussions with the EEC Community on steel exports, which has irked American steel producers in the past.

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around 10 per cent, part of it being wages and about 4.5 per

cent coming through the Chan-

cellor's promised tax benefits which were, of course, condi-

tional upon a satisfactory wage deal being reached. This tax element by its nature would be

non-inflationary.

He added that the CBI judg-

ment was that if people gor around this sum, they would just about keep pace with the

The countervailing duties discussions with the EEC Com-The Community is trying to were imposed to offset Japanese mission, were made yesterday.

line the same facts to the Trades Union Congress at a private dinner next week.

The confederation, Lord Wat-

could pull back inflation to a

rate compatible with its main competitors. This meant a rate

inflation of no more than

per cent by mid-1978.
The confederation is clearly

not too keen on the idea of kitty bargaining. It is felt that this might provide the same sort of escape hatch as productivity bargains did in Mr Heath's phase two, Lord Watkinson said. He hoped that by

the May council, the CBI would

man of the British Clothing Industry's joint council, said that the British Clothing Industry Council for Europe had made a solid contribution to the work of the European Association of Clothing Industries, but that body was still not as effective

Prior attack on Bullock implications

The Grand Council of the Confederation of British Industry yesterday instructed its leadership to stick to the policy that industry would allow no more than a 6 per cent increase in the national pay bill in the next phase of the pay policy.

Taking account of wage drift in the confederation of the confederation in the same facts to the Trades Union Confederation. Mr James Prior, the Opposition spokesman on employment, said yesterday that those behind the majority Bullock Report on industrial democracy were much more interested in undermining shareholders' rights and in ex-tending union privileges, than they were in giving employees a say over the marters that affected them and in improving

Speaking in London at a Financial Times conference on industrial relations, Mr Prior said that because the Government had stated its intention to press ahead with legislation based on majority Bullock, positive developments toward:

"I do not believe that they

at that level that mutual trust must start to replace deep-seated suspicions."

as it should be.

economic performance:

greater employee involvement were being set back. This was

will be able to impose such dis-ruptive legislation in the face of the implacable hostility of those who are going to have to make it work. But as long as the threat is there, employers and unions are less willing to go ahead in devising and imple menting schemes suited to their own circumstances."

Mr Pat Lowry, director of personnel, British Leyland, said: "The move from a system which is conflict based to some thing more constructive must commence at the place where the conflict has been bred. It is

urge early government decision

By Edward Townsend Pressure from British Ley-land for an early government decision on the car company's future may increase next week after Ministers have received copies of the Leyland board's wide-ranging review of its operations and investment

division has imposed a three-month ban on capital spending, directors are likely to stress that the lack of a speedy con-clusion on the review will be a further blow to morale.

With the company's domestic market share falling to about 22 per cent, it will be argued that uncertainty about the future model programme, particularly among dealers, must be dispelled quickly.

The review, although not yet written, is expected to receive

final approval from the Leyland board on Friday and be sent to the National Enterprise Board and the Department of Industry

mext week.

Mr Varley, Secretary of State for Industry, has already made clear that a decision may not be made until the summer. This would allow Whitehall to monitor the company's progress in achieving a more stable in-dustrial relations climate. He has stressed that approval

for the next tranche of state funds, for which Leyland is due pendent on achieving and main-taining consistently high levels of car output.

It seems certain that the Leyland board's review will list the various options it considers are now open and will recom-mend measures that will involve a considerable scaling down of

the 10-year Ryder plan. Leyland management favour of retaining the £250m plan to build a replacement for the Mini, although the Government considers this to be one of the most vulnerable of Leyland Cars' projects.
There has also been pressure

for priority to be switched from the Mini successor to a new range to replace the Marina and

More laid off in Jaguar dispute

By R. W. Shakespeare More workers at Leyland's Jaguar car plant at Coventry have been laid off.

The Jaguar standstill, affecting both the assembly plant at Brown's Lane, Coventry, and the nearby Radford components factory results from a strike by 80 internal truck drivers demanding reclassification into a higher pay grade. Some 3,000 workers at the

assembly plant are laid off. Yesterday 1,500 men who had been on strike from the Radford factory since the previous day, immediately sent home because there was no work for them. All Jaguar car production is months?

At Halewood on Merseyside, 8,000 Ford car workers are laid off.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR Obsolete plant and productivity in the British Steel Corporation

From Mr. Jonathan Aylen mistic in his belief that the Mr. Renton, namely the long Sir, Your correspondent, Mr British Steel Corporation will delays in obtaining government be unable to reduce its man. wasting money to try to save a sick steel industry." April 15, is right to argue that money should not be wasted in trying for production labour engaged to maintain obsolete open hearth steehnaking within the British Steel Corporation, norably at Shotton in North

In evidence to the Select Committee on Nationalized Industries to be published next week, we show that production labour in open hearth plants have, on average, a labour pro-ductivity only a third of that realized in oxygen steelmaking shops, while the best oxygen worst open hearth shop. The fuel costs alone for open to the total running costs for a replacement oxygen steelmak-

in iron and steelmaking are closely related to the age and size of furnace and type of technology used. The newer, an isolated instance. larger: up-to-date show productivity levels substantially and systematically higher than their older, smaller counter-

New plant is necessary to ensure that these lower manning levels are realized throughout the corporation. Not that new plant is sufficient shops has a labour product by itself; management flair will tivity ten times that of the also be required to reduce. manning levels for non-production labour which accounts for hearth steelmaking are equal over 70 per cent of those engaged in iron and steelmaking activities within the BSC.

But surely the point of ing shop.

But surely the point of Mr Renton is unduly pessi- greatest concern was missed by

go-aheads for new projects. The sioned a six million tonne inte-grated steelworks at Obgishima from scratch in 24 mouths. The government took 27 months. merely to sanction the Port Talbot expansion. Nor is this

Delays in sanctioning the new Redcar blast furnace, and more recently, the Redcar plate mill-and delays in permitting the closure of obsolete, high cost works might also be cited. A " sick " government machine is inself wasting money by impos-ing avoidable delays on the British Steel Corporation and preventing the necessary introduction of new, lower-cost plant, Yours sincerely, JONATHAN AYLEN, Department of Economics and

Geography, University of Salford, Salford, M5 4WT. April 18.

Engineers: earning authority and status in a commercial world

From Mr G. E. P. Constable Sir, Mr Metz (April 14) urged that engineers should have more authority over their own—and caster and "radio location" showed the true worth of engineers to the nation. Cannot the nation of the problem neers to the nation. engineers now repeat these earlier design achievements be our first priority? Authority and status, both elusive commodities, are seldom conferred as of right and usually have to be

Our economic survival still depends upon exporting manufactured products which have to

Head of Engineering Design, compete in terms of many fac-tors including price, perform-ance, delivery reliability and maintainability. All of these depend fundamentally upon Design Council, The Design Centre. 28 Haymarket

Amazon tycoons please apply . . .

From Ms Jean Rothwell Holt Sir, I am increasingly amazed manner and an ability to take by the advertisements for secretaries which appear in your Perhaps it would be more retaries which appear in your columns. It is requested that most applicants need a sense of humour and I would think that one would help while reading through the advertisements.
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a sense of humour secretaries today need a dazzling personstoney (
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but in commercial terms—and

Yours faithfully,

G. E. P. CONSTABLE,

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Yours faithfully, JEAN ROTHWELL HOLT. Stoney Cottage, Milton Abbas,

The sticky-sided diminishing pound

From Mr M. Eldridge

Sir, We are in the era of one side should be made adheaudio-visual aids. To remind us sive so that when in a year or all of the declining value of two the pound note is only an the purchasing pound may I inch square and the GPO suggest that, in future, when charges us £1 to deliver a letnew bank notes are printed, their size should be reduced by the percentage by which the

their size should be reduced by the percentage by which the value of the pound has fallen Yours faithfully, MARK ELDRIDGE, previous 12 9 South Park Gardens, Berkhamsted. As an additional advantage, while the pound note would

New Earswick, York YO3 8BW. April 14.

The 30-day deadline

From Mr J. R. Ridges Sir, Presumably all other taxpayers besides myself have received a request to fill up their income tax returns "within 30 days".

The form I received on April 9 was dated April 6, 1977. Can a word in your columns persuade the authorities solve their problems of status while doing so? to give the taxpayer more time to fill up his form correctly before being liable to a prosecution or fine?

Between now and May 6 some taxpayers are likely to be on holiday, abroad, or ill. Most taxpeyers will have not yet received their dividend vouchers or bank statements from the bank for March and up to April 5. Most firms cannot be expected to notify their thousands of employees and pensioners what tax credit has been made and the gross income of each one within a few

days of the financial year end. Similarly, tax accountants are unlikely to be able to complete the checks on all their cheens' accounts with the necessary interviews within the

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Accuracy in this matter is more amportant than speed, but if the request for the return of the form within this short period is adhered to, will the authorities please be good enough to state that the request has "no binding force", which they modestly claim does not apply to the nine page notes which accom-pany the document. Yours faithfully, J. R. RIDGES, 16 Western Terrace, Terrace.

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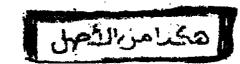
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•	£	£
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Attributable profit	11,780,000	3,640,000
For each 25p Ordinary Share		
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Burmah restores its balance sheet

After two years of unremin-ringly bad news, Burmah's future no longer hangs by a future no longer hangs by a gassamer thread akthough anything resembling a decent outlook will have to wait until the early 1980s when the Thistie stake starts to come through and the LNG carriers on the Indonesia-Japan run begin to

The group's last major drain its financing commitments on the Pertamina LNG ments on the restaurant LNG carriers—was resolved earlier this year and the market took a sufficiencely sunguine view of the full year figures yesterday to mark the shares 7p higher at

Certainly, the E7m of the Country of the Second half to cut the full year loss to £7.99m against 1975's £13.6m was far etter than outsiders were fearing. And even if the scale of the recovery is in part illusory since it stems largely from the obsence of tanker provisions on the Pertangua deal that dragged down the first half, the message is still that last year's enforced programme of esset disposals have at least saved the group's

The shape of the group has eltered radically over the past vear and sale of the United States operations accounts for the near halving of its trading profits excluding tankers of (45.7m with the rump of its business some £6m ahead.

loss in earning assets comes with the sharp fall in interest charges from £33.2m to £9.3m Meanwhile, almost all the £61m rise in tanker losses to £37m stems from sterling's weakness and the hope is now that with the fleet virtually halving in the current year and tanker rates off their bottom the

worst is now over.
For the rest, asset disposals
has given the balance sheet a
less suicidal look with the sale of much of its North Sea interests, Woodside-Burmah and Burmah Oil & Gas cutting borrowings from £607m to £250m and cutting the debt to equity ratio from 65:35 to a more manageable 40:60. That has improved still further since the year end with the General Dynamics deal

However, there is little chance of a dividend for the next year at least and that may dampen enthusiasm for the shares. But there is still likely to be speculative froth from time to time on chances that Burmah may settle its BP claim against the Bank of England out of court—an exgratia payment of £100m would be the same as the current market capitalization.

Capitalization £99.4m Sales £846m (£915m) Pre-tax losses £7.99m (£13.59m) Dwidend gross nil (nil)

Uncertain prospects

Curry's full-year profits growth of around a quarter is if anything mildly disappointing given the strength of last autumn's spending revival in consumer drables. And with the 53m acquisition of 77 shops from loyds retailers a big factor in the 26 the 26 per cent turnover increase to £144m, Britain's leading electrical retailer has apparently made no headway in the market share.

The Loyds shops in fact added 17 per cent of sales space in the second half and a much lesser contribution to profit, though the group is predicting a much stronger show in the

Meanwhile, the improvement in credit trading is reflected clearly enough in a further provision for unmatured profit— Currys only takes HP profits on

When Jesse Boot, the founder of Boots the Chemists, wanted to advertise he used to hire a

brass band to parade the

Today, however, it's all much more subdued for the present chairman and chief executive, Dr Gordon Hobday, who has never relished publicity and

Yesterday, however, Hobday and members of his team steeled themselves like little lads screwing up the courage to swallow Boots castor oil to leave Nottingham for a rare public visit to London in order to discuss management changes in this the firm's centerary wear.

this, the firm's centenary year.



Mr Alsastair Down, chairman of Burmah Oil: at last sceing

completion—of £1.5m against a run-off of £877,000 in the pre-

The group is, however, taking a particularly cautious view of a particularly caulous view of the sector's prospects in the short-term. Current trading is poor while the outlook for con-sumer spending later this year remains uncertain,

That said, Currys seemingly represents the safest haven among electricals, and a p/e of 5.2 is hardly demanding. the 5.8 per cent yield with the shares at 107p last night is a limiting factor in relation to some rivals like, say, Comet. Final: 1976-77 1975-76 Capitalization £25m Sales £144m (£115m) Pre-tax profits £10.03m (£8.08m) Earnings per share 20.6p (15.9p) Dividend gross 6.25p (5.68p)

Delta Metal **Overseas** growth

Delta's 1976 accounts go a long way to allay the balance sheer fears that have served to de-press its share price. The 21p rise to 65p yesterday probably had more to do with re better than forecast profits than the niceties of five pears of current cost accounting figures, value added statement or gearing ratios, but more detailed study should be favourable to the should be favourable to the Overseas companies made the running last year increasing the contribution from 45 per cent to 57 per cent of trading profits, despite difficulties in

South Africa and little growth in the Australian economy, while an improvement from better capacity working on semi-manufactured products in the United Kingdom was par-tially offset by a drop in profits from finished products.

Continued growth overseas seems assured, but to give the big leap in profits this year to £36m or so, which would justify a re-rating of the shares, the United Kingdom must come through quite strongly.

Meanwhile, even without a property revaluation surplus

gearing remains roughly con-stant at around 70 per cent of shareholders' funds falling to 50 per cent under CCA and providing the copper price remains within £250 or so of last year's average level, which seems likely, the cash outflow should be less than last year's

The trend of CCA profits showing that the 1976 figure of £9.76m is less than half the 1973 £20.5m peak is more important than the earnings of a measly 1p. The 6.9p divided is easily covered out of a reasonable interpretation of distributable earnings and the prospective yield of 11.7 per cent remains attractive. Accounts: 1976 (1975)

Capitalization £86.8m Net assets £119,28m (£93.4m) Borrowings E79.83m (E63.52m) Pre-tax profit £24.6m (£11.63m) Earnings per share 8.8p (2.9p)

Unilever

More liquid than ever

Unilever is looking forward to further volume growth in the current year though no faster than the 3½ per cent growth rate of the main economies it operates in against a real increase of more than double that last year. for this Sunday.

The gap between the unions and the Government may have been emphasized by their taking up of negotiating positions and the opposition in the country at large to a further year of tightly-controlled incomes exaggerated by the publicity given to the recent disputes over the current round. But

over the current round. But there is no doubt that the

problems involved in drawing up a workable policy are con-

An effective incomes policy

must lay down simple and clear-cut guidelines for pay settle-ments. But a policy which is to survive next year must be flexible enough to relieve the strains built up in the first two years of rigid comrols.

The strength and weakness of the last two rounds have been rooted in their simplicity, which made them easy to observe and police, but led to

anomalies which must now be at least partially removed.

A policy worth the name must imply an overall limit on the increase in the total of wages and salaries in the economy. And that must mean a national agreement of some kind to ensure that the sum of local settlements does not

of local settlements does not

exceed the overall allowable

But there are strong institu-

increase.

But the key to any marked increase in profitability lies in improving European margins with this area still accounting for 72 per cent of capital em-ployed. Last year the pre-tax return on capital employed rose from 10 to 16 per cent but that is a long way short of some of the other areas it operates in, noticeably Africa, and the 21 per cent achieved across the business as a whole.

The balance sheet is as strong as ever with net liquid funds up from £269m to £406m last year Certainly if last year's rise in net working capital of £273m is any guide that sort of muscle will be needed to cover capital spending balf as much again at £348m and already booming soya bean prices. Meanwhile, the CCA arithmetic has thrown up a £113m cost of sales adjust ment against almost nothing last year indicating that the group made something from stock profits last year and if raw material prices go on rising there will be another element of stock profits in the ment of stock profits in the

current year.
Accounts: 1976 (1975)
Capitalization £1,816m
Net assets £1,786m (£1,384m) Borrowings £245m (£188m)
Pre-tax profit f602m (£328m)
Earnings per share 76.17p
(38.23p)

Carrington Viyella's shares dropped by a penny to 281p yesterday, which seems a

yesterday, which seems a somewhat churchish reaction to

volatility is too much the rule

for the directors to have been

tempted into profligacy. And any issue by way of rights would have had to be made at a

much bigger discount and, by implication, with much more dilution built in.

As it is, a rights issue was out of the question and the placing has been made with an ease which, with the "en-

Carrington Viyella

Cutting the

excite shareholders

gearing

Phase three: how to relax without losing control

What will be the wage bargainwhat will be the wage barganing structure after phase two
ends on July 30 and what level
of pay settlements will result
from it? The answers to these
questions have become harder
rather than easier to find in
the last three weeks of preliminary skirmishing by the
Government and unions over The Scottish TUC has rejected a mineworkers' call for a resumption of free collective bargaining. But the debate on what exactly Government and unions over the desired shape and size of a is to follow the present stage of wage third round of pay control.

Neither side has done more control goes on. Caroline Atkinson Neither side has done more so far than express its intention to pursue an agreement—and list the difficulties involved. Mr Healey may break this deadlock in a major speech to the Union of Shop, Distributive and Aliced Workers planned for this Children examines some of the difficulties involved.

has said publicly that local union negotiators should be given the power to determine wage settlements in any third year of pay policy and the Chancellor has indicated that Mr Jones' views are very close

Kitty bargaining, where limits Kitty bargaining, where limits are set for negotiating groups and which was first floated by Mr Albert Booth, the Employment Secretary, a little under three weeks ago, seems at first glance a way of resolving the needs for simplicity and flexibility and for an economy-wide limit on earnings which nevertheless glance largeaging. ment on earnings which nevertheless allows local bargaining. It is probably still the preferred solution of the Government, although it has come under increasing fire from the unions who fear that it will "set worker against worker" instead of against management

of against management, The union opposition to the idea gives a hint of the prob-lems left hidden by the catch phrase. Who will determine the size of the kitty? If it is laid down in a national agreement the scope for local bargainers to improve the lot of their mem-bers will be severely limited and will depend on their ability to make a case for receiving a larger share of the kitty than some other group of workers.
That leads to the problem of the definition of the kitty group.
Many companies at present negotiate with a multitude of erent unions with different scttlement dates. A "company" kitty would be very difficult to divide up in, for example, tional and economic pressures kitty would be very difficult to divide up in, for example, Jones, the architect of the first two rounds of incomes policy,

groups would probably be workable. The other issue which would

have to be settled nationally if have to be settled nationary in kitty bargaining is to function as part of an incomes policy is the coverage of the kitty. If it is to include allowance for the restoration of differentials, the ironing out of anomalies and special awards for productivity, this will have to be spelt out. It is unlikely that a kitty of the size which would be acceptable to Mr Healey would seem adequate to union negotiators.

For a large part of the diffi-culty in reaching agreement on a third round of pay control comes simply from the fact that a policy must aim to keep wage increases below those which would result from free collective bargaining and below the present 16.7 per cent inflation rate, while resistance to a policy comes from a natural desire to boost incomes badly hit by a combination of inflation and wage control. The Chancellor has been care-

ful to avoid mention of any figure for an acceptable level of wage increases in the next pay round. The assumption in the budgest statement of an average earnings increase in 1977-78, of the same magnitude as occurred under the present round gives a good clue, how-ever. That increase will probever. That increase will prolably be less than 10 per cent. An end result of 10 per cent for the coming year would require a much lower "norm" if

there are to be higher awards

cent would still be too low to cent would still be too low to compensate for inflation even in the year of the policy.

It is clear, therefore, that an agreement which would truly satisfy the Chancellor's budget requirements for a phase three would lead to lower settlements than those which union leaders are now saving they will accent. are now saying they will accept.

An agreement of some kind is, however, almost certain. It will probably come by the end of June in time to allow the amendments to the Finance Bill which are necessary to give the conditional tax reliefs. The question remains whether it

will lead to a smaller rise in incomes than would have happened without such an agree-There is little doubt that the two rounds of pay policy so far have restricted settlements, both in the private and the public sectors, but it is extremely difficult to forecast what would happen to wages in the absence of a third round of policy. Most fore-

casters have contented themselves with a guess at 15 per cent—rather more than the 10 per cent which is consistent well below the 25 per cent which would result from a greenent which would result from a greeneful attempts to the year. successful attempt to catch up with price rises. There are several factors which would limit the tendency

of money wages to follow past price increases in the coming year. The first is the existence of strict controls of the for some workers discriminated money supply. Large wage settlements would still be posagainst under the earlier policies. And a norm of 10 per sible, and would benefit those

who won them, but they would lead ultimately to fewer jobs. The psychological effect on union bargainers of the present controls on money may be more important than their eco-nomic effect, especially in the short term when changes in the relocity of circulation can accommodate larger changes in

nominal gross domestic product than in the money supply. Another factor is the high level of unemployment and the still depressed state of the labour market. The power workers' union has called for wage rises of 11 to 14 per cent, which must be in part a re-flection of their present weak

demand position.

The recent education of union leaders, and their members in the connexion between high money wage increases, faster inflation, a depreciating pound and an eventual erosion of the increases won would be

Finally, the tax cuts announced in the Budget, and the probable easing of the rate of inflation after this summer, will boost real incomes and thus could lead to more moderate wage demands than now seem likely.

The biggest danger of a free for all, and thus the strongest argument in favour of some kind of nationally agreed pay policy, is that large, widely publicized deals won by strong unions early in the pay year would lead to an attempt by all unions to catch up. Ar agreement gradually to be broken through the pay year would at least have the advantage of securing low settlements in the accellow settlements in the early

Its other great advantage would be the limit imposed on public sector wages. An in-comes policy for the whole economy makes it easier for the Government to negotiate low settlements with its own employees, although the cash limits system now imposes a discipline on central and local government wages even with-

cient domestic capacity for the production of cylinder heads and blocks, which has prompted an urgent NEDO study Airing of these common prob-

lems within the working party is seen as valuable, apart from

the more important aspect of bringing a sensitive industry

into a closer relationship with

government. But whether a de-

tailed plan for the future will

emerge from the group remains

Industrial strategy 7: Diesel engines

More heavy work to be done

marked the diesel engine industry as worthy of special study and support as part of its industrial strategy it was noted that long-term objectives would the long-awaited moves to sort out the group's high gearing and its dependence on short and medium term loans. But then this first move, as it be formulated to keep manu-facturers in the forefront of a rapidly expanding world busi-

emerges, is a case of faute de mieux. True, the dividend for In the wake of the oil crisis in the wake of the oil crisis there was an upsurge in interest and demand for the diesel and it was clearly felt that the successful and highly export conscious United Kingdom manufacturers could, with the full backing of the state, be the year is forecast to rise by a minimum of 10 per cent, but that apart there is nothing to The prospective dividend may well be comfortably covered, but Carrington Vivella among those to spearhead the revitalizing of British industry. operates in an industry where

industrial engines sponsored by the National Economic Development Office concluded at the outset that there were substantial growth opportunities over the next decade. In prac-tice, however, it appears to have been difficult for the working party to agree on the necessity of a blanket strategy and, even more, to obtain commercially sensitive information, such as

couraging pointers on profits for the year, says something for the prospects for the company. With Carrington Viyella's balance sheet ahead of the issue more or less unchanged from the December year-end, the placing will bring net borrowings down from almost 85 In particular it is felt that a strategy is being forced upon an industry that does not exist as an entity. Diesel engine manufacture covers a number of distinct sectors, each with its peculiar problems.

market forecasts and expansion

per cent to under 64 per cent of shareholders' funds, and However, in an attempt to put the whole industry into conthat and increasing cash flow should leave the group com-fortably placed text, the latest progress report from the working party stresses that Britain is among the However, that does not mean an eod to the group's attempts at funding. In fact a straight diesels, with an estimated 16 mercial vehicles, while fierce rights issue in a year or so now looks considerably more likely.

When the Government ear-75, United Kingdom diesel engine exports rose from 35 per cent to 40 per cent of total production, excluding parts and marine diesels over 2,500 bhp.

It adds a note of warning, however, that, although inade-quate, there are some official statistical indications of a slower rate of growth in exports than in world trade as a whole. Import penetration of the home market in the period 1972-75 has risen rapidly from 6.2 per cent to 12.4 per cent.

The Government's target growth rate for the diesel industry of 8 per cent per year has clearly come under fire the reason for not setting any growth target at present is several important information gaps ".

The report identified other

difficulties, such as uncertainty in world markets, the closing of individual markets by national policies and the sector's dependence on end-users.
As a result, a NEDO study, guided by the British Internal Combustion Engine Manufac-turers Association and working party member companies, has been put in hand in the hope

of getting a better view of world markets. The rate of expansion in diesel production in Europe is not known and it is therefore difficult to establish whether the United Kingdom companies are winning or losing market share. Certainly, large invest-ments are being made, particu-larly in engines for light com-

United States should be of con-Gardner has also qualified for Kingdom industry to enter this At home, the main investments of recent times have been ments of recent times have been made by Perkins, Cummins Engine and CAV, the Lucas diesel injection subsidiary. Cummins has won large government grants for its £30m Scottish expansion programme which will create 1,200 new jobs by 1980 and double output to 90 heavy

and double output to 90 heavy duty engines a day. Perkins is spending about £15m on new facilities, while CAV, one of the world's lead-

ing independent suppliers of injection equipment, is investing £35m, including a slice of public money obtained under the accelerated projects scheme.

its foundry expansions and, in makers with serious capacity total, projects worth £46m have and supply constraints. Already been helped with government funds.

Generally, however, the industry is hostile towards state aid and suspicious have been aggravated by the knowledge that the National Enterprise Board has been drawing up its own plans for it. Another aspect of diesel pro-

duction that the Government wants to see explored is the potential for diesel-powered cars. At present, only 1 per cent of world car output is equipped in doubt.

Edward Townsend Any moves by the United

S. Pearson & Son

Preliminary Announcement of 1976 Results

Group Profit and Loss Account for the year ended 31st December

Profit of the group before taxation	£000	£000 38,583	£000 25,019	
Deduct proportion attributable to: Minority interests Periods prior to acquisition		10,045	6,243 2	
Profit before taxation attributable to S. Pearson & Taxation thereon	k Sons, Ltd	28,538 14,046	18,774 10,468	
Net profit attributable to S. Pearson & Son before extraordinary items Extraordinary items less minority interests and tax Net surplus including extraordinary items		14,492 3,152 17,644	8,306 81 8,387	
Dividends Preference shares 3.5% Ordinary shares	. 17		17	
Interim 2.0p (1.4p) Second interim 4.10436p (4.14223p—final)	1,363 2,808	4.188	954 2,823 3,794	
Surplus retained and added to reserves Earnings per ordinary share, before extraor	dinary items	13,456 21.24p	4,593 12.17p	/
NOTES:	Whereas the figures abov	e include	£1,219,000	

NOTES:

1. Due to the adoption of the method of valuation of stocks and work in progress set out in statement of Standard Accounting Practice No. 9 tho profit of group before textulon has been increased by £1.168,000 and net profit ortuibutable by £568,000.

2. Duidend.

group belone tecanon has been interested by £1.168,000 end net profit attributable by £558.000.

2. Dividend

The directors have declared a second interim ordinary dividend for the year to 31st December 1976 of 4.10436p per share which, together with the previous interim dividend paid of 2.0p makes a total for the year of 6.10436p, the maximum permitted. The second interim dividend will be paid on 3rd June 1977 to shareholders on the register at the close of business on 8th May 1977. The annual general meeting will be held on 27th May 1977. The directors intend to recommend to shareholders that if the rate of advance corporation tax for 1977/78 is reduced a final ordinary dividend in respect of 1976 be paid later in the year of such amount as will ensure that total gross ordinary dividends for the year are maintained at the maximum permitted under current legislation.

3. Attributable profits before texation

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Whitehall Trust Ltd. (Lazard 6,556 8,956 Pearson Longman Ltd. Peason Comman Ltd.
(Publishing)
Doulton & Co. Ltd. (Ceramics,
Gless and Engineering)
Alidhust Corporation (North
Amorican interests) 12,019 6.035 10,888 2,110 246 (312) 31,819 21,641 Pearson head office: Interest and Expenses 3,281 2,867 28,538 18,774

*The sale of A. W. Bain Holdings in 1976 has resulted in a reduction of £948,000 in the profits attributable to Whitehall Trust from this source

from A. W. Bain Holdings in 1975, they include only £271,000 in 1976. 4. Turnover (excluding banking and investment income)

129,277 108,298 149,392 119,440 11,327 1,941 289,996 229,679 5. Extraordinary items Net surplus (deficit) on : Realisation of Interest in associated company (1975, subsidiaries) Realisation of propertie Revaluation and realisa of investments held for (180)long term Closure of factory of an

3,152 Extraordinary items for 1975 have been restated to exclude exchange differences, which are now taken direct to reserves. Taxation Total taxation includin overseas taxes (1975–2,722)
Deduct: Proportion attributable

19,094 13,610 5,048 Attributable to S. Pearson & 14,046 10,468

has grown to like it even less. Twice in recent years he has led his team into the spotlight, once to bid for drug manufacturers Glaxo, and once for the House of Fraser stores group—both times to be told by the Monopolies Commission that the deals were not in the public interest.



still gaining on Spencer's patch.
It is more complicated to de-

scribe the Boots centenary which Hobday has declared this

1977, the centenary of Jesse Boot's taking control of the

business started by his mum.
Talking of mums, Jesse—
who died as Lord Trent in 1931—later operated Boots with his
wife Florence as personnel

Although Hobday now reckons that one in three of the

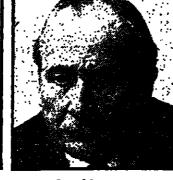
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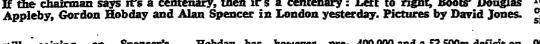
either the group board or on any of the five management

year before Hobday joined.



Business Diary: Jesse Boot boys rule, OK?





year. The company celebrated its 50th anniversary in 1938, a the disease that crippled Jesse That, however, was the anniversary of the legal foundation of the company. This being royal Jubilee Year and the year of Hobday's retirement, 1988 has been discarded in favour of 1977, the contensor of Jecce Right tracks?

> Will Wegenstein was talking to Business Diary yesterday after completing a study into days. With manpower of nearly

Hobday has, however, preserved one tradition. He has concentrated Boots R & D on anti-rheumatism drugs and helped develop Brufen for use on a much bigger scale.

ministry no longer prepared to go on footing the bill without radical change. After an 18-month study into just half the business he recommended changes yielding a 20 per cent power over five years, during

Although formally appointed by the railway management, Wegenstein took care to work closely throughout with the men, not through the union direct but through the works represent manpower interests niques.

larly conservative.

the men soon took on board the message that no government could go on meeting deficits of this order, Wegenstein says, and accepted that it was a case of rationalization or amputation.

sible for implementing.

to do so again

He concedes that there could be a difference between Britain and Germany in that the railway workers there, under heavy criticism from the public like those here for inefficiency and high deficits, will listen to ideas for change.

councils elected by workers up their information with the and paid by management to help of "microfilche" tech-

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and research chemist is to remain as chief executive, on May
1, handing over his duties to no fewer than three others.

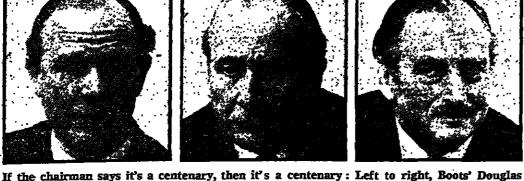
Primus inter pares, to alter into prescription Primus inter pares, to slip into prescription latin, is to be Douglas Appleby who will move over from being finance director to managing director of the aance and assets 10°° group, The Boots Company. director, will become managing

The second s Second se director of Boots the Chemists, the retailer subsidiary which provides two-thirds of the pro-

Lastly, Dr Peter Main, an R & D man (absent yesterday), will become chief executive of the industrial division which provides the other third and is

Alan Spencer, the operations





against rheumatoid arthritis-

"What British Rail should do is forget about the unions for a while and build up an ideal picture of how the railways ought to operate, with every man doing a worthwhile job.
Then they can start talking to
the unions and see how much
of it they can achieve."

the German railways on which the Federal Government is expected to make an important announcement in the next few

Wegenstein, Swiss-born head of management consultants Knight, Wegenstein, was called in during 1974 by a transport cut in both deficit and manwhich, to sweeten the unions, there would be no compulsory redundancy and little new recruitment.

more ready to accept change than many managers, particu-larly middle management at

headquarters who were particu-The men soon took on board

He found them surprisingly

Managers, however, were personally offended by proposals for change which they felt they should have thought of first, and would be responsible for implementing

The Chicago-based Knight organization, which with a turn-over of more than \$40m a year, claims third place after McKinsey & Booz Allen in the world management consultancy league, has important govern ment-related contracts in Britain but not so far with British Rail. But Wegenstein did talk to BR chairman, Peter Parker, last autumn and expects

There's an amusing Freudian slip in Leslie Harris's new book Shareholders' Rights (W. H. Allen, £3.75) in which he advises anybody plotting to take over a public company to build

Royal Dutch supervisory board names

Mr G. A. Wagner and Mr L. Wormser are to be proposed for appointment to the supervisory board of Royal Dutch Petroleum on May 12. Mr Wagner is retiring on June 30 as president of Royal Dutch Petroleum and chairman of the committee of managing directors of Royal Dutch/Shell. Mr P. M. van Doormaal and Mr William McChesney Martin, Jr, are retiring from the board.

Mr K. G. Smith, pensions mana-

Mr K. G. Smith, pensions manager of the British Steel Corporation, is to become chairman of The National Association of Pen-Funds from May 1.



James Sanger, new director of James

Mr David Stevens has been elec-ted deputy chakman of Drayton Consolidated Trust.

Mr J. F. G. Emms, Mr J. Lin-bourn and Mr C. R. Harris have been elected to the board of Estates House Investment Trust. Mr James J. Johnson has been appointed vice-president of market-

Mr Christopher Hayman and Mr James Sanger ioin the board of James Burrough, Mr Sanger as finance director.

Mr W. G. Peploe has been appointed a director of Peak Investments. Mr J. Boon and Mr W. T. Bowden have resigned from ing the year.

The most encouraging aspect

Mr W. Wilson Evans becomes deputy managing director of J. & W. Kerr Group, remaining financial director. Mr John Hendrie, a director and secretary of the group, has been made, in addition, company secretary of all group subsidiaries. Mr Peter Bertie, a group director and a director of I. & W. Kerr Fabrica-tion becomes also managing there have been some downward revisions of export growth durtion, becomes also managing director of J. & W. Kerr Engineering.

American GNP rate doubles, but pace of inflation also accelerates

Washington, April 20 :

America's economy grew at a far faster rate in the first quarter of this year than was widely predicted; but, as was expected, the rate of inflation

Real gross national product (GNP) rose at exactly twice the annual rate recorded in the final quarter of last year, with an advance of 5.2 per cent, according to preliminary seasonally adjusted data.

The GNP chain price index, which the United States Commerce Department considers to be the most accurate inflation measure in the GNP figures, rose at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 6.6 per cent, against a 5.7 per cent rate recorded in the previous quarter. figures show that personal con-Today's figures lend some sumption expenditures rose in

Forecasters

see year of

By Melvyn Westlake

low demand

most independent economic

forecasters point to a year of

Economic growth between 1976

and 1977 is estimated to lie between 0.7 per cent at the most pessimistic, and 2.5 per

dicted by most forecasters to

fall. At the same time, infla-

tion is broadly placed between 13½ and 15½ per cent. London Business School take the gloom-

iest view of inflation and have

revised upwards their previous forecast of price increases dur-

of present forecasts is the pro-

jection for the current account of the balance of payments,

which are now seen by the majority of forecasters to be in surplus during 1977, although

cent at the most optimistic. Private consumption is presupport both to President Carter's claim of last week that the economy does not need additional stimulus and to his recently announced anti-inflation campaign. Leading economists, including Dr James Tobin of Yale University and Dr Milton Friedman of the University of Chicago, have stated this week that the anti-

But today, Mr Michael Blumenthal the Secretary of the Treasury, defended the aim of the inflation rate down to 4 per cent by late 1979. He told a congressional com-mittee: "We have set a moderate, but achievable target."

inflation strategy is too weak

and will not work.

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Inflation forecast

Public investment inc.

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Public authorities consumption

Stockbuilding (£m) Year 1977

Gross domestic product after adjustment to factor cost

This is particularly so because contrary to the hopes of some government economists, the new

in the final quarter of 1976up\$34,800m against a rise of

Moreover, the pattern of consumer spending in the first quarter has some disturbing elements. Spending on non-durable goods was up by only \$7,700m, compared to a rise that was twice as great in the previous three months. Spending on motor cars showed a rise ten times as high as that seen in the previous quarter, at

A modestly aspect of the new figures is that fixed showed an increase three times as large as that recorded in the final quarter of 1976. The increase, amounting to \$7,500m in the first quarter, is still, economists see as necessary.

FORECASTS FOR THE BRITISH ECONOMY

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National Institute of Economic and Social Research

Hoare Govett, as provided by dataSTREAM

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Call to scrap isoglucose tax proposal

From David Cross Brussels, April 20 A British company which has

invested 28m in a plant to manufacture isoglucose today made a last attempt to persuade the European Community to abandon a swingeing production tax on the new natural

Ar a press conference in Brussels, Lord Jellicoe, chair-man of Tunnel Refineries, of Greenwich, said that the pro-posed £28 a tonne tax would make the production of isoglucose totally unecono-

The planned levy on isoglu-cose is part of the European Community's annual farm price review. The Community's sugar beet producers, who fear competition from isoglucose, favour

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FINANCIAL NEWS

Regional newspaper rebound pushes S Pearson by £10m

By Ray Maughan Boosted by a

regional newspaper recovery, strong book publishing interests and further growth from its Doulton glassware subsidiary, S. Pearson & Sons pushed pre-tax profits ahead by almost £10m to £28.54m in 1976.

The Whitehall Trust, Pearson's financial services arm, which takes in Lazards merchant bank, was the only divi-sion to stall. Its drop from £6.96m to £6.56m at the pre-interest level, however, is more than accounted for by the sale of A. W. Bain Holdings which of A. W. Bain Holdings which meant a £948,000 hole in income. Embankment Trust, bought at the tail end of the year, will contribute income of £500,000 in a full 12 months while the 1.46m shares acquired in part-consideration for Bain in international trader, Inchcape, will add a further £250,000 so the income gap is not yet quite filled.

Pride of place should go to Pearson Longman, the newspaper and publishing subsidiary, comprising the Financial ary, comprising the Financial Times. Westminster Press, Penguin Publishing and Ladybird Books. Trading profits increased by £10m to £19.87m. So S. Pearson's 63.56 per cent stake yields a pre-interest contribution of £12.02m against £6.04m. Longman Holdings increased by £3m to £8m while the subsidiary which owns the the subsidiary which owns the Financial Times newspaper made £2.45m against £1.08m.

The contribution of the wholly owned Doulton subsidiary, which also takes in sani-



Lord Cowdray, chairman of S

tary ware, ceramics and electrical engineering, increased from £7.08m to £10.89m The current trend through-out the group is described as promising and all divisions

have enjoyed a good first Shares in Pearson Longman

Shares in Pearson Longman spurted 6p yesterday to 123p where a maximum permitted gross total dividend of 8.28 per share yields 14.6 per cent.

The holding company is paying a second interim dividend of 6.18p per share bringing the gross total up to 9.39p. The shares rose 4p to 136p to give a yield of 14.6 per cent.

Travis & Arnold takes off in second-half

By Ashley Druker

Just slightly shead after six months from £1.65m to £1.81m pre-tax, Travis & Arnold appears to have been unduly cautious in September. Though still going well the board looked to second-half profits matching those of the opening leg. In the plumbers' merchant and timber importer turns in taxable profits jumping 55 per cent from £2.73m, for the preceding 10 months, to a best-ever £4.23m for the whole of 1976. Its previous best was as far back as 1974 at £4.16m.

Increasing the comparative figures to a 12-month basis, the 1976 pre-tax profit shows a climb of 29 per cent. On a similar basis of comparison, sales increased by 21 per cent to £43.09m. Earnings for the ordinary are 23.5p against 14.8p a share (for the shorter period). It pays a total gross dividend lifted from 3.98p, for 10 months, to 5.25p. This represents an increase of 10 per cent over the annual rate paid for the previous year and is the maximum permitted.

Both sales and profits for the group, which distributes timber, building materials, plumbing and hearing equipment to the construction industry and altied to the construction and altied to the constructio trades, were at a higher level than in any previous year.

Hopes for an increased level of activity on the housebuilding and improvement markets were set back by the sbarp rise in interest rates.
The shares rose 2p to 97p in

what the market considers to be a belated upward response.

Wadham well on way to meeting £3m target

By Richard Allen
Having chalked up £2.25m
pre-tax in 1976, Wacham Stringer, the motor distributor,
claims to be well on the way
to meeting a £3m target in the current year.
This Leyland and Rolls-Royce

dealer, whose 1975 profits were pegged back by Price Commis-sion intervention, managed to get back on the growth trail with a 22 per cent increase at the pre-tax level.

the pre-tax level.

Turnover jumped 36 per cent
to £107.7m partly reflecting the
new lower-margin business
Wadham took on to appease the
commission after it was found
to have breached the permit-

ted margin.

The better figures are accompanied by a final dividend payment of 1.29p gross taking the total payment up by the maximum to 2.09p. Earn-ings a share improved from 2.89p to 4p.

Aithough Leyland produc-tion slipped last year, Wadham managed to increase its own new-car sales by 10 per cent to 22,634 units, parity as a result of a more aggressive retail selling policy.

Commercial vehicle sales im-

proved nearly 40 per cent to 4,321 units while used-car sales climbed under 5 per cent to 18,583. Profits however from used-car business improved substantially as the group moved more heavily into upmarket business. The group claims that the

toolmen's strike at Leyland has not had a severe impact . Having managed to lower overdrafts by around a third last year and rescheduling a further 14m of debt to a medium-term loan, Wadham reckons it is now in a strong position to start looking for further acquisitions.

Scottish Widows' Fund and Life Assurance Society

Notice is hereby given that the 163rd Stated Annual Meeting of the 163rd Stated Annual Meeting of the Members of the Society will be held within the Head Office, 13 Dallotth Road, Edinburgh, on Toesslay, the 26th day of April, 1977, at 2.30 pm for the following purposes:—

To cousider the accounts and balance sheets for the year ended 31 December 1976 and the Reports of the Directors and Andhon.

To past, if thought fit, the following Resolution recommended to the Members by the Directors:—

"That the remuneration of the Anditons for the current year be fixed by the Directors of the Society."

To transact any other ordinary business proper to a Stated Annual Meeting.

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G. A. KINGSNORTH
General Manager and Actuary
15 Dalkeith Road
Edinburgh EH16 5EU
29 March 1977
NOTE:—A Summary of the Report
will be published in the Press as
usual and a copy will be sent on
request to any member who would
like to have one.

"A specially favourable year"

from Mr. Julian Faber's statement to shareholders

I am pleased that this year - my first in reporting to many new shareholders - has been so successful. We have grown and prospered. In our principal activity - UK Insurance Broking - gross premiums handled were approximately £650 million, 70 per cent in foreign currencies. The Group's profits have increased by 60 per cent, from £10.15 million to f 16.32 million.

1976 was a year specially favourable to insurance brokers although in part for reasons of which no one can be proud. The decline in the value of sterling increased profits disproportionately; inflation continues to raise insured values; and very high interest rates available on cash balances added further to our

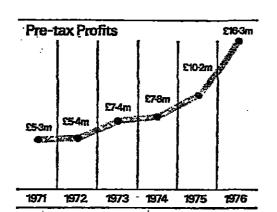
Some increase in profit would, therefore, have occurred if our business had just stood still; but I am glad to say that it grew in virtually all the several areas in which we are interested, each contributing in varying degrees to our

Thus, our brokerage increased by over 30 per cent. Our insurance company, the Sovereign, reversed its previous profit decline; our Lloyd's and Company agency business produced substantially greater profits. Our managed syndicates at Lloyd's accepted a record number of new names. Our associates, notably Morgan

Grentell, and those overseas in South Africa Australia and Canada had a particularly good year. Indeed, every area of our activity proved

The year was notable for two events, the first being our acquisition of the freehold of Ten Trinity Square - the old Port of London Authority building. Our ambition to own freeholds for both our London and Country Head Offices has thus been finally realized. We expect to occupy the building on May 28th.

Secondly, we became a Public Company with shares quoted on The Stock Exchange. In the event, the uncertainty of the market compelled us to Introduce the shares rather than



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to make an Offer for Sale. This unusual course was not what we would have chosen though in retrospect I have no doubt that, aided by our professional advisers, we made the right decision. An orderly market in the shares was created as was our aim.

As International Brokers we are tied to no particular market, nor are our fortunes linked with a few insurance companies. Nevertheless we have noticed the harm already done to the London market by the proposals to nationalize some major insurance companies. This damage would be far more severe and indeed would be irreversible if such ideas were pursued to

Our excellent results are attributable directly to the hard work and loyalty of the members of our staff. While we have been and are being successful in providing for most of them the working conditions which they deserve, under present conditions we are not permitted to reward merit. This applies throughout the range of salaries but particularly in the middle and higher ranges where we are sustaining attacks on our staff from interests abroad which naturally seek to acquire valuable skills such as many of our staff possess. Ultimately there comes a time when appeals to loyalty are not enough. This 'brain drain' will undoubtedly become more serious without further incentives and lower personal taxation here.

Marshall Cavendish on way back

Making up some leeway at midterm, up nearly a third to £1.92m, Marshall Cavendish finished 1976 with a rise from £2.28m to £2.88m pre-tax. But this is still below the peak £2.72m in 1972 for this one-time glamour share. The group publishes magazines and large format paperbacks. and large format paperbacks. Turnover in the year remained steady at £12.85m against £12.88m.

Earnings a share grew from 5.36p to 6.89p. It pays a total gross dividend lifted from 4.49p to 6.01p. This restores the payout to that paid for 1972. The total cash dividend for the year is covered 1.77 times.

Meanwhile the company con-Meanwhile the company continues to grow, the board says. Its range of publishing activities is being expanded, particularly in the bard-book field. Without hazarding a forecast as yet on the outcome for 1977, the opening quarter indicates : reasonably " successful year.

MHL trebles

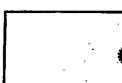
Manufacturers
Limited, the London-based merchant banking subsidiary of Manufacturers Hanover Trust Company, more than trebled its profits last year. Pre-tax profits were up from £1.48m to £4.58m, while deposits rose from £51.1m to £92.9m. The bank managed or co-managed syndicated loans worth \$9,446m (up from \$5,211m) and capital issues worth \$1,192m (up from \$416m). Gross assets at the year end were £117m compared to £69.9m the year before. Manufacturers

Southern Cons slips

Although turnover of Southern Constructions (Hold-Southern Constructions (Holdings) rose from £9.92m to £10.73m in 1976, pre-tax profits fell from £554,000 to £401,000. However, the total gross payment is going up from 1.06p to 1.33p, which has been approved by the Treasury in the context of last year's rights issue. Profitability in the second half-year was seriously affected by year was seriously affected by the wet weather which continued into the early part of 1977. Nevertheless, the group has a "reasonable" order book.

Authority Investments

Referring to the fact that the accounts of Authority Investments for 1975-76 have not yet been published, the board of Authority reports that it has been undertaking a large-scale valuation of properties and developments which has entailed more work than was expected. The accounts, however, should be published within the next six weeks at the latest.



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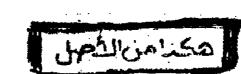
Highlights from the Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 20th April 1977

1977-compared with same periods in 1976 FIRST QUARTER *Sales up. * Profits up.

PROSPECTS * Significant improvements forecast

for first half year results. *Unrealistic at this stage to anticipate second half year results.

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Stock markets

Small buying on base rate hopes

For the first time this week, equities made headway as bear" closers and buyers at the lower levels had the field the lower levels had the field pur on eleven-sixteenths, for a themselves.

to themselves.

Early sentiment was helped by a belated response to Hawker Siddeley's bullish figures of the previous day and the imminent prospect of another round of base-rate cuts by the clearing banks. There was even talk of another small reduction in MLR this week, though a majority would be surprised by such a move. Aravis us have been a service to the books t

> Aeronautical & General Instru-ments sprang to life after the announcement of a number of share stakes was taken as the possible prelude to a bid. The shares closed 6p up at 58p on a strong speculative demand but the group says that it has no reason to believe an approach which put on enother 3p to 227p

Though interest dwindled as the session progressed, prices held firm in late trading on the news that the Scottish TUC would accept some form of further pay restraint. Having gained 4.2 by midday, the FT index closed 4.4 ahead at 412.5. Clits, too, benefited from the mospect of lower interest rates. Having and House of Fraser 2p to 94p.

put on eleven-sixteenths, for a close of £100.0.

Of the industrial leaders, the strongest performers were Hawker Siddeley which put on another 10p to 540p after its figures and Unilever with a rise of 6p to 458p, which stemmed from the chairman's remarks on prospects and the group's strong liquid position.

Speculative demand was directed into a number of favourite stocks with Gallenfavourite stocks with Gallen-kamp gaining no less than 26p to 288p in the hope of another takeover move. United Scientific

which put on another 3p to 227p in spite of its earlier denial. Shipping shares saw demand in a thin market with bid hopes he!ping Common Brothers to a

gits, too, benefited from the prospect of lower interest rates with long dates up half a point after a steady session and "shorts" between one-quarter and three-eighths up after a 1. They were in the foods sector, they way trade had developed at the higher levels. Particularly active were the that Tiger Oats will raise its 30 91 per cent 1982, which tose per cent stake or make an three-eighths to £141, the 121 all-out bid.

After figures, food retailer Wm Low gained 4p for a close of 86p. The continuing interest in hotel issues left Rowton 9p ahead at 110p and De Vere a further 10p up at 149p. Building industry shares saw Travis & Arnold put on 2p to 87p after figures and civil engineer A. Monk firm at 68p after news of a share stake. Interest in the last-named was reported here yesterday. Results dominated a tirm papers pitch where Marshall

Cavendish rose 34p to 444p after its statement. Collett, Dickenson 2p to 44p, and Pearson Longman 3p to 123p. S. Pearson, whose figures came out at the same time, rose 4p to 136p. The recent strength of glass shares was reflected in a rise of 10p to 117p for Redfearn

The feature of a comparatively duli oil sector was a smaller than expected loss from Eurman where the shores shot up 7p to 69p after the statement.

Latest dividends

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Pearson Longman (25p) Sec Int Sun Life Ass (5p) Int Sunlight Service (10p) Fin Travis & Arnold (25p) Fin Wadham Stringer (10p) Fin Ward White (25p) Fin Marshall C (10p) Fin	3.61 1.53 0.7 2.79 0.83 1.5 2.92 0.82 1.29 shown dividend	3.47 1.39 0.63 2.02† 0.71 0.25 2.03 0.71 1.28 bet of	OWN ON	5.36 1.02 3.41 1.35 2.0 3.9 1.94 pence p	4.87 2.78 0.92 2.58† 1.23 0.25 2.92 1.73 1.76 er share. besis. To

After hours, ICI went a little better among "blue chips" and English & Caledonian Investment jumped 19p to 80p after news of a bid approach. Oils rose a penny or two, including Burmah after the figures.

There could be something to go for in Plantation Holdings whose plantation operating companies are moving residence to Malaysia for tax purposes. Apart from plantations the group has an interesting mix of instrument, consumer goods and engineering subsidiaries in the United Kingdom. Some think that the group will sell these profitable United Kingdom interests transfer them to There could be something to dom interests, transfer them to the holding parent and Malaysianize them too. Hutchison International and Pahang Con-solidated are big shareholders in the group whose shares are now 38½p.

Centre Hotels, up a penny at 42p, announced a possible

approach. Equity turnover on April 19 was £43.39m (12,463 bargains). According to Exchange Tele-According to Exchange Telegraph, active stocks yesterday were Burmah, GKN new. Gill & Duffus, BAT Dfd and Ord, Distillers, Hawker Siddeley, RTZ, Commercial Union, Trafalgar House, ICI. Shell, Gus "A", BP, Courtaulds, Tecalemit, Wadkin, Bibby, Gallenkamp, British & Commonwealth, Common Brothers, Martin-Black and Redfearn.

Raine in final bid for Sheffield Brick

By Victor Felstead
In its fight to take over the Sheffield Brick Group, Raine Engineering Industries is raising its bid. The new terms are four ordinary shares, plus 35p cash, for every ordinary in Sheffield—the equity content of the terms being unchanged, but the cash element being raised by 11p.

The new Raine shares to be issued have been underwritten at 134p each, free of all expenses. Based on April 18 market values, the increased offer and cash alternative value each Sheffield share at 101p and 89p respectively.

This compares with a value of 62.5p per Sheffield share

of 62.5p per Sheffield share when the offer was first made and gives accepting share-holders an increase of 62 per cent or 42 per cent in the capital value of their invest-

The total value of the higher offer is £997,000 which gives an exit p/e ratio of 13.3x based on profits for 1976, or 11.3x is the exceptional loss of £29,000 is excluded. Raine points out that accepting shareholders will receive a significant rise in annual income for both 1977 and 1978.

The increased offer values Sheffield's shares higher than the best level reached since 1972

Raine is forecasting pre-tax profits of over £830,000 for the year to June 30 next, compared with £752,000.

RMC and Staveley in 'protective' stakes

Ready Mixed's stake is clearly aimed to protect its interests, as Staveley has important lime works, while Staveley in turn is protecting itself by holding a 9.9 per cent stake in its abrasives competitor, Barton & Sons. It has been known for some sives competitor, Barton & Sons.
It has been known for some time that there was a significant holding in Barton, but until yesterday it was not known who was the owner.

The spare of announcements by some contract of the holding recently.

Walor, makers of gas heaters, cookers and car parts, said that a Jersey investment trust, Jersey investmen

known who was the owner.

The spare of announcements by companies informing the Stock Exchange of holdings between 5 and 10 per cent, which must be declared, under the new Act by May 5 continued:

Fuller Smith & Turner, the brewers announced that Whitbread held 16.4 per cent of the bread held 16.4 per cent of the combined "A" and "B" Nottingham Manufacturing folds 10.9 per cent in fellow Yotes.

British Commonwealth Ship-

British Commonwealth Shipping announced a 6 per cent holding in Tricentrol.

Hawley-Goodall, a camping equipment group revealed tent makers Black & Edgington hold

349,250 shares. Rank Organisation also announced that Sir Robert Bellinger had purchased 50,000 shares, in compliance with another clause in the Act. Aeronautical & General Investments announced major holdings of the majority of its capital, They were: Scottish

By Nicholas Hirst

Ready Mixed Concrete yesterday announced a 7.16 per cent stake in Staveley Industries in accordance with the 1976 Companies Act, a major part of which came into force on Monday.

Ready Mixed's stake is clearly aimed to protect its interests, as Staveley has important lime works, while Staveley in turn is more cring itself by holding.

Cities Investment Trust (9.95 per cent), Scottish & Mercantile Investment Co. (7.63 per cent), Lancashire & London Investment Trust (7.02 per cent), Ocean Wilsons (9.84 per cent).

Downs Surgical revealed that BOC International holds 9.5 per cent.

tow Holdings.

A. Monk notified holdings of 7 per cent by the Norwich Union and 5.63 per cent by the

Prudential.
Debenhams have been in formed of a nominee holding of 19.31 per cent in a class of preference shares under the name N. C. Lombard Street Noninees.

Malaysian Rubber announced holdings by a number of other rubber companies as did Sungei Bahru Rubber Estates and Kinta Kellas Rubber Estates

on the deads Crane plans to fox **US Fruehauf Corp**

group that has had a reprieve the bid attentions of the United States Fruhauf Corporareprieves, the respite is tem-

So the full accounts from Crane do not, and cannot say everything that Mr Angus Murray, the recently appointed chairman and his colleagues, could say about the current

The respite came last Nov-ember when the Monopolies Commission stepped in under merger provisions of the Fair Trading Act, 1973. The American group already has a one third stake in the British group. Crane, advised by Hill Samuel duly lapsed its 27p a share bid. The last word so far on this partcular subject was in March when it was reported that Mr Roy Hattersley, Secretary of State for Prices, had agreed to extend the time allowed for the Commission to weigh the proposed merger from April 9 to July 9. The Commission had pleaded

hauf Corporation to make a further bid "it is regretted that no further forecasts of the results for 1977 can be made at present ". However the chairman re-



Mr Angus Murray, chairman of Crane Fruchauf.

excess of those for 1976". Last year's figures were encouraging but the message from the managing director, "special reasons" for delay.

Hence the need for Mr
Murray to keep some of his powder dry. With his eye on the stated intentions of Frue-

as much as £47.66m against £33.68m. The comment from the managing director is that the spurt came in the second half, but profits do not yet match affirms his earlier opinion that turnover

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BASF's higher return leads to increase in dividend

From Peter Norman Boun, April 20

On the strength of sharply higher profits last year, BASF AG, the Ludwigshafen-based chemical group, will increase its dividend to DM8.50 per DM50 share from the DM7 paid for 1975.

As well as the increased dividend, which will cost the company DM301m (about £71.6m) against DM233m the previous year, BASF announced today that it will pay DM55m (DM40m) into published reserves, suggesting that parent company net profit after tax rose to DM356m last year from DM273m in 1975.

In today's announcement the As well as the increased divi-

In today's announcement the company also disclosed that its group net earnings after tax and minority interests climbed to DM507m in 1976 from

BASF had already announced sharp increases of 48 per cent and 65 per cent in parent company and group pre-tax profits to DM823m and DM1,400m re-

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fitability last year with a net profit of 1.062m lire (£711,000). This was compared with a 1975 8,600m lire loss. The dividend however is again passed, writes John Earle.

Sales were 32.2 per cent up at 501,200m lire. Olivetti reports further improvement in the first quarter of this year,

Unicorp quarterly From Union Corporation

Group comes word that working profits of Winkelhaak Mines rose from R7.5m in the December quarter to R7.97m in the three months to March 31 thanks to better revenue. But at St Helena Gold ore milled fell from 560,000 tons to 530,000, taking down working profits from R13.2m to R10.5m Operations are moving from the richer areas into lower grades.

Olivetti back to profit

Olivetti, the Ivrea-based electronic: and office equipment manufacturer, returned to pro-

Kalamazoo up 62pc

Increased sales, sharply higher pre-tax profits and a major contribution by the com-puter services division, are the highlights of the interim figures of the Kalamazoo Group, the business and office systems organization. For the six months to January 28, group profit before tax and the Kalamazoo Workers Alliance bonus climbed 62 per cent to £1.14m on turnover up nearly £1m at £8.18m.

LYC Securities has increased its offer for Batu Matang Rubber Plantations (1932). Terms: 115p cash for each Batu share. Acceptances of increased offer have been received for 354,003 shares (about 39.26 per cent).

TERRITT GROUP Rowe Rudd has purchased on behalf of investment clients 2.2m ordinary shares of the Tebuitt Group at 74p each (73.6 per cent). Rowe Rudd will be extending this Total gross payment, 4.5p (4.09p).

Briefly

offer unconditionally to the remaining shareholders.

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Turbover for 28 weeks to March
19 up from £18.72m to £24.76m.
Pre-us profits doubled to £751,000
(£366,000). Interim payment,
gross, raised from £2.3p to £54p. AUDIOTRONIC HOLDINGS
Turnover for 1976 rose from
£17.97m to £21.77m, but pre-tax
profits fell from £1.42m to £1.07m.
Total payment held at 5p gross.

AQUASCUTUM & ASSOC Sales for year to January 31 up from £13.85m to £18.97m and pre-tax profits up from £1.19m to £1.71m. Total gross payment raised

from 1.91p to 2.1p.

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Notice to existing and intending investors and borrowers

Variation of Interest Rates

The Directors of The Halifax Building Society announce that the rates of interest charged to borrowers and paid to investors will be reduced as provided by the terms of this notice.

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The rates of interest charged on mortgage accounts will be reduced as follows:-

on mortgages now charged interest at £12.25 per cent per annum to £11.25 per cent per annum

on mortgages now charged interest at £12,50 per cent per annum to £11,50 per cent per annum

Other borrowers including option mortgage borrowers will be notified individually of their new rates of interest. The new rates will apply

immediately to mortgages completed on or after 18th April 1977

on and after 1st May 1977 to mortgages completed before 18th April 1977 Borrowers will be notified individually of the monthly payments

they should make. INVESTORS

The Society will pay the undermentioned rates of interest on the following kinds of investments:-

Paid-Up Shares -£7.00 percent per annum -£6,75 per cent per annum Deposits -£8.25 per cent per annum Monthly Savings

The rate of interest on Subscription Shares and on Matured Subscription Shares will be reduced by £0.80 per cent per

The new rates will apply

immediately to accounts opened on or after 1st May 1977 on and after 1st June 1977 to accounts open at the end of

The rate of interest on Term Share accounts open at the end of April 1977 will be reduced by £0.80 per cent per annum from the

The rates mentioned above will not apply to investors whose investments (including shares in joint investments) exceed £15,000 or are held by a limited company, corporate body or discretionary or accumulating trust. The rate of interest payable to those investors in the Paid-Up Share and Deposit departments will be reduced by £0.75 per cent per annum.

Details of the rates of interest payable on investments in other departments will be available at branches and agencies before 1st May 1977.

Trinity Road Halifax

FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Shortfall from Singapore and S Africa checks Bestobell

By Ray Maughan Bestobell, the fluid engineerthermal and acoustic ing, thermal and acoustic or market out at an extra-insulation group, has been hit associates, net out at an extra-by noor results from its sub-ordinary credit of £500,000. In by poor results from its sub-sidiaries in Singapore and in Singapore and South Africa.

Their combined shortfall, however, exceeds the shortfall mediocre management, subof the group as a whole and Sir Humphrey Browne, chairman, reports that firm order trends have been established in the home market. United Kingdom orders climbed 25 per cent in 1976 and have gone further months. The board says that ahead with a 30 per cent rise trade has improved in the first in the first quarter of the current year. And Sir Humer expect a full recovery this phrey is convinced that "1976 was a kink in an upward

inflated by £746,000 exchange gains which, after a reduction of market values of Indian total, pre-tax profits dropped from £5.67m to £5.34m.

South African deflation and sequently strengthened, accounted for a fall from £630,000 to £163,000 in the financial year to end-June last and these activities reached a nadir in the subsequent six time. Singapore, faced by stiff competition, suffered a loss of £39,000 in 1975-76 against a profit of £89,000. Capital spending last year hit £2.5m, in which United Kingdom investment doubled to £1.67m. Expenditure is now expected to reach around 3m and the emphasis on the recoupment of the plants producing controls, valves and seals will be sus-

tained Six of the ten United Kingdom merchanting centres have been re-located, an initiative which has so far been rewarded with a 50 per cent increase in volume this year at branches been relocated, an initiative place.

The shares were unchanged yesterday at 146p and the maximum permitted gross total divi-dend of 12.996p a share yield

BP Chem in £10m deal with Bakelite Xylonite BP Chemicals is negotiating Bakelite Xylonite, is part of from loss

to buy Bakelite Xylonite's BXL Thermosetting division at Tyslley, Birmingham for £10m. Negotiations are in an advanced state and the ownership of the division is expected to be transferred by September 1.

profits have been

BP is already the major supplier of feedstocks to the division which has three interrelated products — phenolic moulding powders, industrial laminages and phenolic regime. aminates and phenolic resins.

Modernization plans for the plant are to be continued by BP which said yesterday that it would also invest £3.5m in reequipping the moulding powders plant.

Bakelate Xylomite, is part of the Union Carbide Group, and has aiready sold its decorate laminates operation at Aycliffe in co Durham to a Swedish Company, Perstorp AB and is concentrating its low-density operations at polyethylene Grangemouth.

Mr R. O. Harvey, assistant managing director of Bakelite Xylomite, said yesterday that proceeds of the sale would be directed into other developments being undertaken by Union Carbide in the United

He said that the 1,200 employees at the Birmingham plant had been informed

Eng & Caledonian move

English & Caledonian Investment, a £15.4m investment trust, some 31 per cent-owned by London & Manchester Assurance, yesterday reported an initial takeover approach. A bald statement noting the approach recommends that shareholders await "a further an-nouncement" by their board.

Apart from Loudon & Manchester's stake. Standard Life On news of Assurance holds 13.86 per cent shares closed and the Prudential 10.1 per cent night at 80p.

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of the trust. Managed by Gartmore Investments, London & Caledonian reported pre-tax revenue of £621,000 in the year to March, 1976 and assets per share of 92.2p. The trust holds a diverse portfolio of principally United Kingdom equiries. At the March year-end 67.8 per cent of the portfolio was United Kingdom-based and 22.9 per

cent in the United States. On news of the approach the shares closed 19p higher last

Ward White

A significant turnround was achieved last year by Welling-borough-based Ward White Group which slumped into losses in 1975.

On sales up from £48.92m to £52.95m, a pre-tax profit of £1.35m was achieved, against a loss of £148,000 in 1975, after interest charged of £1.33m. compared with £1.4m. Trading profit before interest charges more than doubled from £1.25m to £2.69m.

The rise in the dividend is no less dramatic than the recovery—the total gross payout is going up from 0.38p to 3.08p. Mr George McWatters, chairman, tells shareholders that the recovery trend at the midway continued into the second six months, with manufacturing levels generally throughout the

group being improved. Currently, the United King-dom factories are fully occu-pied with good order books and the overseas operations have made a similar start to

The trading results achieved so far this year, the board adds, indicate that profits for the first half of this year will show a "further substantial improve-

Clive pays much more than expected

By Christopher Wilkins Buoyant profits and an unexpectedly big increase in the dividend saw the shares of Clive Discount climb from 78p to 80p yesterday.

Against outside estimates of perhaps a 20 per cent increase, the dividend has been lifted by 35 per cent to a gross 7.89p a share. The group has thus taken full advantage of its freedom from dividend control, following the offer for sale of shares in 1975.

Profits for the year to March 31 totalled £1.32m, which repre-sents a 40 per cent increase if the figures for the previous nine-monthly period are annual-

This is comfortably the best published result ever achieved by Clive, and is significant as a pointer for other discount houses due soon to report their results for the similar period, since virtually all the profits were made in the final three

Mr N. H. Chamberlen, chairman of Clive, said yesterday that during the first nine months of the financial year, when interest rates were gener-ally rising, the company "maintained a defensive stance."
During the final quarter Clive was running a much bigger book with a bigger commitment to gilts. Since the year-end, the group had again been taking a more protective position, and the emphasis was switching more from capital to running profits. Clive Investments, the

group's fund management com-pany, increased its profits by about 70 per cent.

Meanwhile, Clive is proposing a one-for-five scrip issue, has transferred £500,000 from profit and loss account to capital reserve and will increase the authorized capital from £3m to

Oxley Printing moves into the black

Reporting the expected improvement from a pre-tax loss of £177,000 to a profit of £305,000 for 1976, the directors of Oxley Printing Group say they are confident that the business has now overcome the difficulties which affected the latter half of 1975 and the first few months of 1976. In the current year, the first

quarter's management accounts compare favourably with those for the same period of last year.
Group prospects are "bright"
With the group needing all
its cash resources to fund the
increase in turnover from
£12.9m to £16.14m the directors
have again decided not to recommend a dividend. A resumption of dividends is, however, expected in 1977.

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|Eagle Star's problems in US and Belgium

Reporting a 1976 pre-tax sur-plus 26 per cent higher at Insurance completed the results of disclosure in its preliminary figures, although the detailed break-down of underwriting and investment performance underlines the group's prob-lems in the United States and Belgium markets.

Underwriting losses for the group rose from £2.7m to £7.2m. in the year excluding pension fund contributions costing £5.7m. Losses of £3.1m in Beigium and £1.3m in the United States are brought into sharp focus by premium income in the countries of just £24.3m and f4.5m respectively.

Automobile cover remains the main problem area in both the United States and Belgium, and although the group sees some hope of easing the problem in Belgium by eliminating motor cycle cover and rating in-creases, its United States motor account is being run down. The Australian market improved, reducing the deficit to £700,000 on £12.1m of premiums and elsewhere South Africa and the

pais 25 per cent bigher at in the domestic market sub-f32.9m yesterday, Eagle Star sidence claims ran to £4m, taling the householders account season of the major composite f.5.8m into the red. The total groups. Eagle Star also would have been film higher manages to put the rest of the but for a provision against sector to shame with the degree January 1976 storm damage in January 1976 storm damage in last year's accounts. A net United Kingdom underwriting deficit of £3.3m on premiums of £183m makes up the balance of the group's total £7.2m underwriting deficit on £253m of £253m. of premiums. The under-writing loss plus pension costs of £5.7m clip investment income of £24.4m to a net in-surance surplus of £11.5m. Invesiment income on shareholders funds rose from £8.9m to £14.4m helped by last year's £26m rights issue. Grovewood Securities managed its night successive record profit with a 51 per cent increase to £5.6m pre-tax on a £73.0m turnover,

and other associated companies chipped in £500,000 pre-tax. Eagle Star reports an aboveaverage solvency margin of 49 per cent despite the third inorease in premiums last year. Dividends of 3.4389 gross per share are recommended, taking the yield on the shares, down 3p to 114p on the results, to 7.4 per cent.

Foreign Exchange

The dollar closed stronger against major European currencies yesterday and the yen was helped by further favourable United States economic data.

Sterling traded just under the \$1.72 level, but financial markets doubt whether the Bank of England is yet prepared to see a resumption in the decline in Minimum Lending Rate despite rumours suggesting a cut.

The pound closed at \$1.7196, a rise of 6 points on the day, after light Bank sales of sterling to prevent a move over \$1.72. The effective rate was 61.8 per cent. Gold lost \$1.75 an ounce to close in London at \$149.125.

Spot Position of Sterling

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Eurosyndicat The Eurosyndicat index on European share prices was put provisionally at 121.20 on April 19. Against 119.12 a week earlier.

Discount market

Day-to-day credit was again in very short supply on Lombard Street yesterday. The Bank of England was required to give England was required to give large-scale assistance, which was channelled via purchases of Trea-sury bills (large) and local autho-rity bills (amail) directly from the

some size during the morning, enabling houses to make quite good progress, taking funds at 8 good progress, taking funds at 8 or 85 per cent mostly. Rates stuck at about 85 per cent for a while after lunch as the flow of funds dried up, but following the authorities' help, closing balances were to be found within a band of 5 to 7 per cent. Banks balances were up overnight and there was a modest fall in the note circulation, but the market had a slight Treasury bill take-up to finance. There was a fairly large excess of revenue receipts over Government disbursements, and there was the need for settlement of the small sales of gilts made by the Government Broker on Tuesday.

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Wall Street

New York, April 20.—The stock market was mostly higher on brisk turnover at the close on the New York Stock Exchange, but it showed some nervousness prior to President Carter's energy message to Congress.

The Dow Jones industrial average was ahead 3.82 points to 942.59.

Gainers outnumbered losers 880 to 525.

Gold falls again

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to 525.
Volume totalled 25.09 million Volume totalled 25.09 million shares, up from 19.51 million. The industrial average closed well below its peak gain for the day of six points, and the market generally was skittish about some earnings reports that were below expectations.

New York, April 20.—GOLD losed off 95 cents on the di OMEX.—April, \$148.50; 148.50; June, \$149.20; Aug. \$162.20; Doc., \$152.30

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DIVIDENDS

The directors are recommending to the shareholders at the Annual General Meeting to be held on 27th May 1977 a final dividend of 2735p per ordinary 25p share together with such additional amount, if any, as corresponds to any reduction in the rate of related tax credit for the current fiscal year, below 35/85ths but not beyond 33/67ths. If the rate of tax credit changes to 33/67ths the additional amount will be '084p per share. The dividend will be payable as to 2.735p per share on 15th July 1977 to shareholders on the register at the close of business on 17th June 1977 and as to the additional amount, if any, at such time and in such manner as determined by the directors. With the interim dividend of 2-75p per share the maximum allowable dividend will have been paid having a gross equivalent of 8-438p per share (1975: 7-672p). The total cost of dividends to ordinary shareholders is £7.3m which will increase by £0.1m should the rate of related tax credit be changed from 35/65ths to 33/67ths.

SUMMARY OF GROUP RESULTS FOR 1976

Investment income in the shareholders' fund increased by 41% to £32-7m. Without the benefits from the investment of the proceeds of the rights issue the increase would have been approximately 31%. The pre-tax profits of Grovewood Securities were £5-6m and with the share of associated compenies profits brought the total income from investments to £38-8m, an increase of 49%. The shareholders life profits were £7-0m after grossing for corporation tax and franked investment income. There was a transfer to the fire, accident and motor account of £7-2m. Premium income increased by 31%.



Sir Denis Mountain, Bt., Chairman and Managing Director

		1976		1975
PREMIUM INCOME		£m		£m
Life—annual premiums	70-0		50-3	•
-single premiums	36.3	105-3	26-1	76-4
Fire, accident and motor	236-B		181-0	
Marine, aviation and transport	21-4	258-2	20-0	201-0
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PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT				
Investment income		32.7		23-2
Profits of Grovewood Securities		5.6		2.8
Share of associated companies' profits		-5		-1
Shareholders' long term profits		: 7-0		6-2
. Underwriting loss		(7-2)		(2:7)
		38-6		29.6
Expenses not charged to other accounts .		5.7		3.5
Surplus before taxation		32-9		26.1
Taxation		15:3		11.8
Minority interests		1.2		8
Net surplus for year		16-4		13.5
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Dividends		7-4		6.1
Balance added to retained profits and reserve	s	7-0		6.4

The following are extracts from the statement by the Chairman, Sir Denis Mountain, 8t: Including the gross capital appreciation in stock exchange investments our solvency margin was 49 per cent.

The real strength of a company lies in the technical reserves held to cover outstanding claims and unexpired risks. Eagle Star has an ine real strength of a company has in the technical reserves need to cover outstanding claims and unexpired risks. Eagle Star has an above average proportion of those classes of business involving claims for flability for personal injury which are most susceptible to the effects of high levels of inflation mainly because of the time that can occur between the event and the final settlement of the claim. We have consistently considered it necessary to follow a policy of making conservative assumptions regarding the future trend in claims settlement costs and have consequently set up strong provisions to cover future liabilities.

The cost of maintaining these strong provisions on an expanding premium income inevitably can produce an apparently worse

underwriting result than would be the case if they were set up on a less cautious basis. High rates of inflation have been associated with high rates of interest. Whilst it is always our aim to underwrite insurance business at a profit it is interesting to consider the overall results of our non-life trading. This involves the inclusion of pension fund contributions together with the investment income estimated to arise from the insurance funds themselves as distinct from that arising from shareholders' capital and retentions. This is shown in the following table:

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UNITED KINGDOM. The fire account continued to be profitable. There was a substantial loss of £5-8m (1975: £2-8m) on the "All-In" account reflecting not only the unprofitability of private house business but also the heavy incidence of subsidence claims which is the group approximately £4m. The motor account broke even, in the accident account there was a marginal profit. Liability insurance showed a small surplus.

OVERSEAS. The actual improvement in the overall underwriting result was masked on conversion to sterling by the fall in the value of the pound during 1975. However this was compensated for by the corresponding increase in overseas investment income in sterling terms. The severe cut-back of our premium income in unprofitable areas was similarly under-emphasised because of currency fluctuations.

In Australia the underwriting result continues to improve. Belgium deteriorated sharply. In France for the first time in many years there was an underwriting profit. In the United States where our involvement is comparatively small we are steadily reducing our motor portfolio and this is producing a slow easing in the rate of loss. In South Africa there was an overall underwriting profit. Elsewhere overseas satisfactory results were recorded.

LIFE. In the United Kingdom there was a most satisfactory increase in new yearly premiums of 74 per cent and in single premiums of 36 per cent. New sums assured amounted to £1,319m (1975: £656m). The annual valuation of the life funds has resulted in increased bonuses to policyholders. Profits transferred to the shareholders*

account were £4-0m (1975: £3-5m) net of tax with a grossed up value of £7-0m (1975: £6-2m). GROVEWOOD. Grovewood Securities had record profits in almost every division of its business. The overall pre-tax profit increased to £5-6m from £3.7m which is a record for the ninth successive year. Turnover increased to £73-0m from £50-3m including exports of £6.8m (1975: £5.2m).

The Annual Report and full Chairman's Statement will be sent to shareholders on 3rd May 1977.

Eagle Star Insurance Company Limited 1, Threadneedle Street, London EC2R 8BE

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Porsche casts Leeds 0532 the enticing bait on wider waters

With the recently introduced two-litte 924 Coupe poised to become the company's best seller this year and an exiting 41-litre 928 model due in gritain next spring, the Porsche cata-logue is being expanded in both directions as the company seeks to cover a wider segment of the perform-ance car market.

since its introduction in 1964, the mainstay of the Porsche range has been the 911 in its various guises, a car that took over from the famous 356, which had seen Porsche through its first 14 years as a car manufacturer in its own right as distinct from just a design office for other manufacturers (the VW Beetle was just one example of the present and engineering prowess of the

"Beetle" was just one example of the artistry and engineering prowess of the prolific Dr Ferdinand Porsche).

If Porsche considers 14 years to be the logical lifespan of a model range, then the days of the 911 must be numbered. Certainly the concept of an air-cooled, rear-mounted engine is out of date, yet the beautifully proportioned 911, which began life as a 130 bhp two-litre and has grown through 24 and 2.7-litre stages to become a full-2.4 and 2.7-litre stages to become a full-blooded three-litre (and turbocharged blooded three-litre (and turbocharged as well, should you so wish), is synonymous with all that appeals to Porsche derotees. To thousands of enthusiasts life without a 911 would seem bare.

It is the car on which so much of the bear sporting success has been Porsche's sporting success has been based, a car so rich in engineering excellence that its dated mechanical layout seems irrelevant. Today buyers are required to part with anything from £10,000 (for the standard 911) to the standard 910 to t

price of a new home.

That between 450 and 500 of them in Britain seem to do so each year is a measure of the 911's appeal, and was the more understandable to me after testing what I judge to be (at £14,000) the most satisfying model of them all, the 200 bhp flat six three-litre Carrera, level of alertness and the firm, positive movements that are so natural a part of fast driving: superbly comfortable sears.

That between 450 and 500 of them in all-rounder, but of course it is a practical to the judged within their price and market bracket on what a driver or passenger can see, hear or feel. It has to be said that several cars of less exalted image offer considerable competition to the 924 at a significantly lower cost.

However, I have no doubt that Porsche's 924 target of 600 United Kingdom sales this year will be easily application.

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I found a car with a cockpit tailormade for the serious business of fast
driving: superbly comfortable sears,
comprehensive instruments, a logical
comprehensive instruments, a logical
control layout and a complete absence
of styling gimmickry. Down to the
smallest control button it looked and
lek to be engineered rather than
assembled. The one concession to laziness was the electrics, for door windows, sun roof and exterior mirror,
and all most welcome, as was the turn
throttle acceleration.

movements that are so natural a part
of fast driving become more of a chore
at 20 mph.

Almost incongruously, the Carrera
runs on two-star fuel, and consumption
varies over a wide range; stopwatch
testing gave me as little as 14 mpg, a
main road journey across country as
much as 24 mpg. Around eighteen to
twenty mpg should be the norm,
assuming a reasonable amount of halfthrottle acceleration. and all most welcome, as was the turn sainth between the seats for dialling in the required level of interior heating or cooling.
As I switched on I discovered a

flywheel so light that when I depressed its performance it is utterly unflambound its performance it is utterly unflambound in the accelerator the revolutions did not be their terminal speed as though from at a 1,000 rpm idle the next at 3,000 who covet one merely as a status of the position of the pedal.

Of the new 924, which I have also been testing recently, I have mixed fitting it to a Cortina, and though not the position of the pedal.

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Most satisfying of all—the three-litre Carrera.

needle shot up so quickly that I was rushing for the gear lever and a change to second only moments after leaving

important for a competition-oriented

car, adhesion).

The ride was firm, but not harsh, the steering pleasantly light and sensibly geared for the rapid and accurate changes in direction that are made possible by such meticulously tuned suspension. The brake pedal required a heavy foot (no power assistance is provided, for this would blur the feel transmitted to the driver), but it offered a level of deceleration almost as impressive as that of acceleration.

Yet there is another side to the Carrera's personality. With light throttle it is the most unobtrusive of town cars, able to burble along on a minimum of revolutions (even in fifth gear at 30 mph if the driver is so in-

throttle acceleration.

To own a Carrera has to be an indulgence, but for those who can afford it it offers a driving experience that, if not unique, is extremely rare. Despite its performance it is utterly unflam reservoir and jets.

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rushing for the gear lever and a change to second only moments after leaving the line.

Another three seconds and we were at 80 mph; less than a quarter of a minute after the start and we were into three figures. Maximum speed, I am assured (and believe), is between 140 and 150 mph; 135 mph was as much as I saw in the room available, sufficient to sample the effectiveness of the front air dam as an aid to

Consequently it makes wide use of VW/Audi components, the two-litre engine, for example, being similar to the used in the new Audi 100, though equipped with fuel injection and driving the rear rather than the front wheels. By moving the gearbox to the back, in unit with the final thrive, Porsche has achieved a more even pleasantly light and positive change through the short, stubby lever.

The gearing is unusually high (help-Consequently it makes wide use of

much as I saw in the room available, sufficient to sample the effectiveness of the front air dam as an aid to high-speed directional stability.

That was the Porsche Carrera in its natural element. With longer acquaint ance I came to admire the clarity of message from the front wheels delivered through the steering wheel rim (holding the wheel lightly, letting the moving rim rell of every minor change of surface, camber and, most important for a competition-oriented The gearing is unusually high (helping to a consumption of 26 mpg during some not too arduous driving), which gives high maxima in the three indirect gears (36, 62 and 96 mph at the 6,500 rpm limit) but only modest tongest acceleration. Height

> Very comfortable seats, a good control layout (except that the steering wheel is just a fraction low-slung), coupled with relatively roll-free cornering and predictable if slightly low-genred steering add up to quite a high standard of driving enjoyment. Against that must be set too much mechanical and road noise and a lack of refinement in ride comfort that is difficult 10 reconcile with a price of £7,000.

> There is no cause to doubt that Porsche's traditionally high standards of design and quality control have been built into the structure and nuchanism of the car, but cars must be

Standing, the opportunity to own a new Porsche for £3,000 less than the cheapest 911 is one that many may find hard to resist.

Hot-water washer

At last, a way of removing bird dirt and insect corpses from the screen without using up half the washer reservoir. Hotwash is a simple non-electric heat exchanger that fits into the heater's hot-water hose as well as the water line between washer reservoir and into

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Broadcasting

In the first of the eagerly awaited £500,000 series of nine hour-long documentaries. Royal Heritage (BBC1 8.0), the Queen introduces some of the treasures of the Crown, an affectionate tribute to Ealing Cinema (BBC2 8.0), begins with Compton Mackenzie's hilarious Whisky Galore! and Beanue 76 (BBC2 9.30) samples a charity wine auction in France. New comedy Paradise Island (ITV 7.10) finds Bill and William Franklyn shipwrecked in the Pacific.—T.S.

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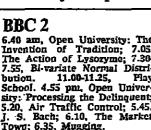
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